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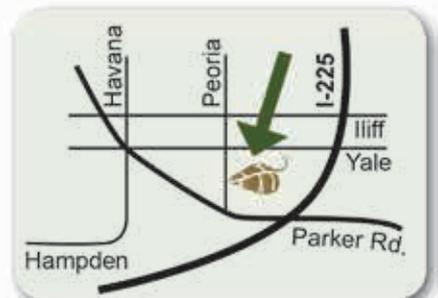


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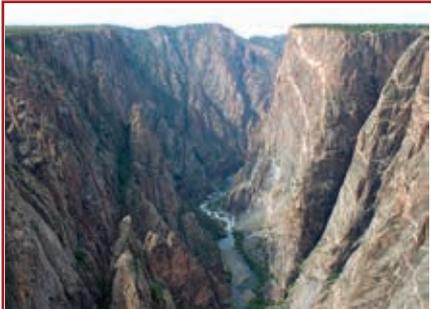


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# Director Montgomerie resigns, Engel is new vice president

Eight directors attended the July 17 meeting of the HGA Board of Directors. The ninth director, Chuck Montgomerie, quit the board.

President Kay Sawyer announced, "Chuck found it necessary to resign. We are taking applications [for the vacant directorship] to serve until the end of the year." (See sidebar below.)

Montgomerie, in addition to chairing the Long Range Planning Committee, had been the board's vice president. Voting via paper ballot, the remaining board members elected Rex Engel to be the new vice president.

The board decided to table, for additional study, replacing the florescent lighting in garages with LED lighting. The Structure Maintenance Committee recommended the refitting, noting the project would pay for itself in four years, and yield significant savings after that.

The Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) recommended studying the project further, possibly including it in the 2019 budget, as it was unbudgeted for 2018. General Manager Calvin White reported there is no guarantee that the rebates being offered by Xcel Energy will still be available in 2019, although the LED lighting would yield savings even without the Xcel rebates.

Director Forrest McClure noted that pending tariffs also could increase the cost of LED lighting, if the project is delayed too long. Most LED bulbs, he said, come from China.

The board approved the final draft, after HG's attorney reviewed it, of a policy on nepotism in HG employment and volunteering. The word "anti" was struck from the title Anti-Nepotism Policy, as the policy defines under what conditions persons who are related *can* work at HG. (See page 7.)

Treasurer John Coil spoke about the changes coming in how HG must prepare and present its 2019 budget. He noted the schedule for completing the budget will be tighter, because Colorado law has changed. HGA must adhere to prescribed benchmarks on approving a budget. Previously, it was grandfathered, as an "old HOA," from having to complete these since the law was passed in Colorado. (See The Month That Was, page 22.)

Deb Smith, CP2, raised a problem with residents parking in guest/visitor parking spaces, using them as overflow parking. White remarked the issue was on the agenda for the following day's SEC meeting.

Engel explained the procedure is to report the problem to Security, if a vehicle has been in visitor parking more than three days. The vehicle's owner has seven additional days (warning) to move the car, after which violation procedures come into play. White added that the procedure is outlined in HG's Declaration of Condominium.

Following regular business, the board adjourned into executive session, to review the proposed job description and salary requirements for a golf pro who will be a full-time HGA employee in November.

The board also approved:

...accepted the audit report for the 2017 budget year after a few technical terminology changes.

...heard a report that repairs to Parking Structure 4 had been completed 10 days ahead of schedule and \$50,000 under budget.

...heard a report from the Nominating Committee that applications from four candidates had been received for the October board election. Chair Bill Reynolds remarked he would like to see double that number of candidates, for the four openings on the HGA Board.

*The HGA Board is seeking an applicant to fill a vacancy on the board until December 2018, replacing Chuck Montgomerie, who resigned. Applicants should submit a self-nomination form (available from the Management Office) no later than Aug. 16. You will be interviewed by the board at its Aug. 21 meeting, after which one person will be selected. The successful applicant will have to run for the board in the October HGA Board election because this appointment ends December 2018.*

## Heather Gardens Flowers



*Above and right: In a most unlikely location — the HG Recreational Vehicle (RV) parking lot off Yale Avenue — these succulent cacti flowers are thriving. Photos by Forrest McClure, B231*

# Extra! Extra! Information for you –

## HGMD Treasurer's report

Highlights of HGMD Operations (*Month of June 2018*):

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$37,264)	(\$48,454)
Golf Profit (loss)	\$ 5,227	(\$ 2,572)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$4,853)	(\$23,881)

*Year to Date through June 2018*

	Budget	Actual
Clubhouse Profit (loss)	(\$298,995)	(\$259,671)
Golf Profit (loss)	(\$92,681)	(\$84,363)
Restaurant Profit (loss)	(\$34,583)	(\$40,330)

### Enterprise Fund

Through June, Enterprise Fund revenue was \$1,167,100, which is about \$60,300 more than expected. Expenses have been \$1,070,300, which is about \$108,100 less than expected. Revenue from classes, trips and the RV Lot have been more than budgeted. Capital Outlay expenses have been less than expected.

### Restricted Funds

*Conservation Trust Fund (Lottery)*. During June, the

District received a quarterly distribution from the Colorado Lottery of \$1,863. That was less than half of what was expected. Distributions from the Lottery depend upon the amount of money wagered on lottery games. On June 30, the lottery bank account had a balance of \$102,800. There have been no expenditures of lottery funds this year.

*Foundation Fund* has received donations of \$1,755 through June, and \$13,448 has been spent on HGMD projects this year. At the end of June, the Foundation Checking Bank account had a balance of \$37,105. In addition, \$150,00 of Foundation's cash has been invested in a CD.

The *Debt Service Fund* has received \$381,800 in property taxes and \$19,100 of Specific Ownership tax through June. At the end of June, the Debt Service bank account had a balance of \$692,055. A principal payment of \$20,000 and an interest payment of \$159,800 will be due on December 1.

– Bill Archambault, HGMD Treasurer

## Be a good AR and neighbor

It may be useful to Area Representatives (ARs) to expand on the 10 tips I offered in the May issue of *Heather 'n Yon*. Elaborating on each may provide guidance that will help our community grow and thrive.

There are times to be the "guardian," the "hero" of the rules. Then there are times to use our discretion, compassion and bend the rules in favor of empathy.

Let's look at a few examples.

We have really good "No Smoking Policy." It is written to protect our residents from harmful second-hand smoke and may even encourage a few smokers to quit. GREAT!

But, if you have ever been addicted to anything, you know it can be very difficult to quit. Here is where compassion can play a role in your actions as AR.

You have a resident who is an addicted smoker. Smoking outside, away from the building is the usual habit of this smoker. This particular day is snowing or raining hard, or maybe just windy. The smoker stands closer to the building, under cover, and has a cigarette.

*You have a choice:* Do you enforce the rule? Or do you ignore the rule?

*My choice:* Bend the rule. This is not the usual habit of this resident; there are unusual circumstances influencing the behavior; the second-hand smoke is dissipated by the weather.

No one is being negatively affected.

Another example: It is a very hot day. The only shady spot to park is in the guest parking spot. Your resi-

dent uses this spot infrequently, and for short periods of time. There are several unused quest parking spots available.

Do you make a complaint? Do you make note of serious abuse that interferes with guests parking? You have a choice.

Which choice will communicate the values you wish to encourage in your building or area?

The point I wish to make here is for ARs to use "heart," as well as "head," in choosing to apply rules. Sometimes it is better to look at rules as guidelines for making the environment safe and fair to all, not as iron fences to just restrict behavior unnecessarily.

**Diane Dean**  
AR Organization President  
B232

### Several HGA Board Committees are seeking members:

- *Structure Maintenance, chaired by Kathy Buhrman, needs two new members. A third volunteer would be ideal.*
- *Communications, chaired by Bill Reynolds, needs one new member.*
- *Civic Affairs Committee, chaired by Forrest McClure, needs one new member.*
- *Long Range Planning Committee needs four new members and a new chair. The HGA Board will appoint a new director to chair this committee at its August meeting.*

# 2017 audit accepted, repairs to indoor swimming pool fast-tracked

All directors attended the July 19 regular meeting of the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) Board of Directors. Attorney Jennifer Ivey also attended.

Representatives from the accounting firm Rubin Brown presented the 2017 audit for board approval. Russ White highlighted aspects of the report. He stated HGMD has a net position (net worth) of \$5.6 million, with about \$15 million in assets.

"That's good, for any special district," he said.

The actual financial reports for 2017 were an almost perfect match for the budget, he said, even taking into account unanticipated recall election expenses. He commented that HG management of HGMD finances had been excellent.

Ninety percent of 2010 HGMD's bonds were refunded, and reissued in 2017. The overall economic gain to reissuing the bonds at a lower interest rate, he said, was \$1.1 million.

The board unanimously approved accepting the audit. It also approved a motion from Treasurer Bill Archambault to reinvest \$250,000 worth of funds from a CD that was maturing on July 23, into a new two-year CD at the best rate of interest available.

The board approved allowing Clubhouse Committee Chair Sandra Rosenberg and Maintenance Supervisor John Howell to finalized a contract to install a boiler for the indoor swimming pool, to expedite the project. One bid for the project had been received; a second bid was pending at the time of the board meeting. The indoor pool was out of commission, with a two-month period project-

ed to get it up and running.

Rosenberg remarked she wondered if the Clubhouse/Restaurant Committee should not have an HGA board member serve in joint membership on her committee. Because HGMD is "policy only," she said, many residents feel they don't have a voice [on the committee] about the operation of the restaurant, and the Clubhouse.

The board approved a \$4,000 expense to pay for a marshal for the golf course, through the end of 2018.

The board approved adding a fee of \$8 for a non-guest, non-resident tennis player to use HG's ball machine.

The board approved \$6,524 to purchase a new indoor rowing machine and an Arch trainer piece of equipment for the Clubhouse Fitness Center. The Arch trainer is in lieu of a stair-stepper machine, which is too tall for the fitness area. Lottery funds will pay for the equipment.

Golf Committee Chair Gary Hizer reported the committee would change its regular meeting to 1 pm on the second Tuesday of the month, from the first Tuesday. The move is to give the Management Office more time to prepare the monthly golf-usage report, and have it ready for the committee meeting. Hizer also noted that selecting a software package for the Golf Pro Shop will be postponed until the full-time employee Golf Pro is hired, allowing him/her to have input when selecting the best program.

After the regular meeting, the HGMD Board adjourned into executive session, with its attorney, to receive legal advice regarding the management agreement between HGMD and HGA.

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## Heather Gardens Association Nepotism: Board Policy (approved 17 July 18)

### 1. Introduction

1.1 This policy establishes guidelines for Heather Gardens Association ("HGA") employees and volunteers to identify, avoid, and document actual and potential conflicts of interest that arise when their official roles and duties overlap with their personal and family relationships. The appropriate handling of situations where nepotism may occur is a legal and ethical responsibility of HGA, its employees and volunteers requiring appropriate documentation and communication to avoid any perception of bias or favoritism for or against any individual.

1.2 This policy furthers the goals

of federal and state laws related to ethics, nepotism and conflicts of interest in the workplace.

1.3 The language and content of this policy are intended to be gender-inclusive and to apply to all individuals regardless of sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The singular "they" and its derivative forms ("them", "their", etc.) are used at times in this policy for the same reason.

### 2. Definitions

2.1 Business decisions: Those decisions related to the full spectrum of Association activities (e.g., buying, hiring, selling, contracting, licensing, leasing).

2.2 Conflict of Interest: For the purposes of this policy, a Conflict of Interest arises when a person makes or participates in making a recommendation or decision specifically affecting the terms or conditions of employment (including appointment, retention, contract status, tenure, work assignments, evaluations, promotion, demotion or salary) of a Related Person, or attempts to influence a person in making such recommendations or decisions concerning that Related Person.

2.3 Employment decisions: The full spectrum of employment or volunteer related actions, including but

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# Nepotism...from page 7

not limited to decisions related to hiring, supervision, direction of work, promotion, compensation, work/volunteer hours, performance evaluation, termination and all other terms and conditions of employment or volunteer related actions.

2.4 Nepotism: Means favoritism in the workplace based on kinship, which ordinarily consists of making employment or other business decisions based on a family relationship.

2.5 Organizational Unit: means a department, office or other designated unit of HGA.

2.6 Plan of Action: For the purposes of this policy a Plan of Action shall refer to the documented measures taken to resolve an existing or Potential Conflict of Interest.

2.7 Potential Conflict of Interest: For the purposes of this policy, a Potential Conflict of Interest arises when an employee by means of their position, official authority, delegated authority, membership in a committee or board, or by any other means, has the ability to perform an act that would constitute a Conflict of Interest as defined above.

2.8 Related Person: For this policy only, with respect to any HGA employee or volunteer, a Related Person is a person who meets one or more of the following criteria:

a. They are a current or former spouse/partner in a marriage, partnership, or civil union regardless of sex or gender, and/or in a partnership that meets all criteria set forth in the Domestic Partner Affidavit, UWS-50; or

b. An individual related in any of the following ways, including via adoption: parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-parent, step-child, step-sibling, or half-sibling; or

c. An individual who lives in the same residence; or

d. An individual who receives from the other, directly or indirectly, more than one half of their support.

2.9 Volunteer: For the purposes of this policy, Volunteer shall mean residents and/or homeowners liv-

ing in the Heather Gardens condominium complex who serve without monetary payment, including but not by way of limitation, Area Representatives, Clubhouse assistants, Golf Course assistants, members of the Board or its Committees.

## 3. General

3.1 This policy does not prohibit (but does not encourage) the Association from simultaneously employing Related Persons or engaging in commercial activities with the relatives of employees provided:

a. Neither Related Person supervises the other, directly or through intermediaries, and where the functions of their positions do not create any other Potential Conflict of Interest.

b. There is no direct reporting or supervisory relationship between the Related Persons and all employment decisions are made by either the General Manager and/or Human Resources.

## 4. Disclosure Obligations

4.1 All persons offered employment by HGA shall be interviewed by Human Resources to determine if there is a Potential Conflict of Interest. If the hiring authority is aware of the relationship, they should make a good faith effort to inform the prospective hire of this disclosure obligation. Employees and volunteers must self-report in writing to the Human Resource office before they make, participate in, or attempt to influence (or cause others to make, participate in, or attempt to influence) decisions covered by this policy.

4.2 If a person already employed by HGA is in the process of being promoted, appointed (temporarily or permanently), to a position that creates a Potential Conflict of Interest, or if any other personnel action is being considered that would create a Potential Conflict of Interest, that person shall disclose the Potential Conflict of Interest.

4.3 If the related individual(s) in question has the position of General Manager or Human Resources Manager, the HGA Board shall be notified instead.

## 5. Procedure for Approval

5.1 Upon disclosure as described above, if the related individuals and their supervisor(s) wish to

proceed with the hiring, promotion, appointment, or other personnel action, they shall collectively prepare a written Plan of Action to remedy the Potential Conflict of Interest.

5.2 The Plan of Action shall identify the two (or more) individuals and their current and/or prospective roles, the rationale or justification for the proposed hire or other personnel action, the preventative measures by which any Potential Conflict of Interest will be resolved (for example, recusal from decisions affecting a Related Person, alternate reporting line, etc.), and the impact of these measures on the operations of the organizational unit. The Related Persons shall sign the Plan of Action indicating their agreement to its terms.

5.3 If the Potential Conflict of Interest involves an individual who would be indirectly supervising a Related Person through intermediate supervisees, those intermediate supervisees should be identified and consulted regarding the Plan of Action. All parties shall make an effort to ensure individuals are free of undue pressure and/or perceived risk of retaliation.

5.4 The Plan of Action shall be submitted to the General Manager and HGA Board who may (a) approve it; (b) reject it; or (c) propose modifications to be considered by the Related Persons and their supervisors, after which a modified Plan of Action shall be resubmitted for approval.

5.5 If the Plan of Action is approved, it will be placed in the personnel files of both related individuals and shared with the appropriate personnel to facilitate its implementation.

5.6 If the Plan of Action is rejected, the hiring or other personnel  
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## IN MEMORIAM

Jack Brinkers (214)  
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## HGA Board President Reports

By Kay Sawyer

The recent resignation of former Restaurant Manager Kevin Olsen has caused perceived misunderstandings on the part of a vocal minority of HG residents who call themselves CPOVE (Citizens to Protect Our Valuable Employees).

Unfortunately, this group doesn't seem willing to accept the unanimous decision made by all 14 elected directors from the HGA and HGMD Boards. These nine HOA directors and five HGMD directors are elected to determine what is best for the community. They often devote countless hours, while enduring much anguish and criticism, in order to find the truth and act prudently.

Personnel issues are legal and confidential matters, as spelled out in Colorado Law. Furthermore, all directors have a moral and ethical responsibility to uphold the laws that were established to protect and preserve an employee's right to privacy.

It appears that the CPOVE group is targeting General Manager Calvin White with a series of petitions aimed at ending his employment contract. Those residents who have attended a board or committee meeting would likely agree that Calvin is an incredibly knowledgeable, honest, and responsible individual. He works hard and has done an excellent job at managing HG. Individuals who have had the pleasure of working alongside Calvin are often impressed by his ability to give unbiased advice, while always being the first to bow out before a motion is made or a vote is taken. Calvin does not unduly influence, but gives information to the volunteer committee members who make recommendations to the boards. These elected directors make decisions for the HG community.

Each year the HGA Board conducts an in-depth review of the general manager's (GM) performance. Goals for the coming year are defined and established. The board uses market-based national data that analyzes trends for managers in a similar job from which a salary benchmark can be determined.

This annual review entails a 360-degree assessment of White's performance — determined by several items. A survey is conducted with managers/supervisors who directly report to the GM. White submits a detailed annual goal analysis report that identifies action items, goals and at least eight areas in which the board has previously requested improvement. An annual survey of residents identifies where change initiatives should be implemented. (For a copy of the 2017 Resident Survey, visit [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org)).

As HG continues to work towards reducing employee turnover, the board requested in 2017 its first-ever "employee survey" to be conducted by Employers Council, the country's largest employers association. Formed 79 years ago, Employers Council helps more than 4,000 employers in the private, public and nonprofit sectors enhance workforce effectiveness by addressing their needs in employment law, human resources, management, worker assessments, training, performance improvement and more.

The data produced by the survey shows that when compared to other Denver and front range employees, HG employees are 75 percent happier than those working in a similar position. HG employees had scores ranked above average in some the following categories: working conditions, work/life balance, training and development, teams, supervision, satisfaction, psychological contracts, performance appraisal, leadership, compensation, communication, climate and benefits.

Among the least favorable survey items were compensation, communication and benefits. The board has identified these items as "areas in which improvement is needed." Appropriate action items will be incorporated as part of the GM's 2018 annual performance review.

Furthermore, based on a recent Employee Turnover Comparison report produced for the last three years, 2017 demonstrates a measurable impact towards reducing employee turnover.

In 2016, HG turnover rate for full-time employees was 27 percent. In 2017, a significantly lower rate of only 12 percent for full-time employees was recorded. This reflects a 15 percent greater retention rate in 2017.

For part-time employees, HG had a 46 percent turnover rate in 2016. In 2017, it was significantly lower with a 21 percent turnover rate for part-time employees.

I believe that HG is working hard and moving in the right direction at a steady pace.



## HGMD Board President Reports

By Craig Baldwin

On June 25, the HGMD Board of Directors received a letter from the HGA Board terminating our Management Agreement effective December 31, 2018. This Agreement has worked well for many years and has served to benefit the HG community. Your HGMD Board has begun working on a draft of an agreement to be submitted to the HGA Board for consideration.

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The Property Policy Committee, under the chairmanship Director Bill Archambault, is working with the city transportation department on a crosswalk between the

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## Publisher's Corner

# 1988: HG Facts published, still relevant

by Lynn Donaldson, Editor of Heather 'n Yon

I had a sister visit recently. She and her daughter drove here from Massachusetts because my niece is starting a new job in Denver. It is exciting to see a millennial young adult start fresh in a new job, new home (she's actively looking to buy her first home), and acclimate her dog, Chewy (short for Chewbacca).

While I may write more about how having a family member turned our home upside by challenging our ingrained routines, (especially my cantankerous husband), the real story here is about HG.

My sister discovered some old documents among the papers I had gathered from my parent's home, probably about the time they moved into assisted living. Finding time to sort through boxes and file cabinets after closing your parents' home is challenging — something I know that many HG residents share. So it helps when I have a sister visit, who has the time to help.

After sorting the papers into shredding and trash piles, she kept out some early documents about HG. These were four 4-page summaries on thick, colored paper that folded in a book form, **“What you should know: Facts about Heather Gardens.”**

The first one covered a bit of history. It is a story that I know well, but repeating it for newcomers at HG is useful.

“In 1961, a Denver Accountant, Howard Farkas, and his partner Werner Livingston introduced a new housing concept in Denver with the opening of Windsor Gardens — a condominium for ‘seniors’ with an attractive array of recreational facilities.

“The 145-acre project, completed in 1972, was highly successful and proved to be ‘an idea whose time had come.’

“With this success as a guide, the pair began the development, in 1972–73 of the similar, but much

larger communities of Heather Ridge and Heather Gardens in southeast Aurora. Heather Ridge was completed in 1983, following the sale of Farkas and Livingston's Company, Environmental Developers, Inc. (EDI) to Canadian interests, for some \$22 million, EDI ceased operation in 1987.”

*{The “Facts” I am quoting from appear to have been published in 1988, because the financial reports presented are for 1987. The other clue, since the brochures did not identify a date or author, were the “Handy Phone Numbers” provided. These included Colorado’s Senators Bill Armstrong (1979–1991) and Gary Hart (1975–1987). Representative Dan Schaefer (1983–1999) was listed as was Aurora’s Mayor Dennis Champine.}*

“Under the [HG] Declaration [of Condominium, 1973], management control was exercised by the developer, EDI, for a period of 10 years. In January 1983, the homeowners assumed control of the HG Association with full responsibility for its operation, in their common interest.

“At that time, ownership of the Community Center and recreational facilities, golf course and maintenance shops was still in the hands of EDI. In view of their own interests, the homeowners association (HGA) purchased this property from EDI on June 6, 1983 for \$2.3 million.

“To finance the purchase, the owners voted overwhelmingly [1,875 to 10]

(1) to established the Heather Gardens Metropolitan District (HGMD) and

(2) to issue \$2.5 million of municipal bonds by the District, to be retired over a 20-year period.”

*From this modest beginning, HG through the entity HGMD, has issued*

*bonds twice since this initial one: 1) in 1990 to upgrade the Maintenance Building, repair storm drainage on the Golf Course and renovate the walking path and its drainage system; and 2) in 2010 to build a new Clubhouse. Both of these bond issues were refinanced when the market interest rates dropped, and taking such an action could save HG money on repaying the debt to bondholders. The HGMD auditors noted at the last meeting of the board that refunding the 2010 issue of bonds has saved HG about \$1.1 million over the term of the bonds.*

Back to the “Facts” published in 1988:

“The Heather Gardens Association, composed of the owners, provides for their common interest in the Association property through the direction of an elected Board of Directors, and a staff of 48 full-time employees.

“The Heather Gardens Metropolitan District, composed of the residents, is a quasi-governmental authority with ownership of the principal recreational facilities (clubhouse, golf course, etc.) and responsibility for their oversight, and the payment of the debt obligation to bondholders. The District is administered by its own separate Board of Directors, elected from among the residents. The District contracts with the Association to manage the recreational facilities.”

In the “Facts,” more was said about HGMD:

### “Financial Advantages to Homeowners

“1. ...By purchasing the facilities, HGA members were able, in effect, to use the excess of fees then charged, to amortize the cost of purchase.

“2. If the HG Community Center and other property had not been purchased from EDI, fees would have continued to increase annually under the previous formula. The savings to residents from 1984 through 1987 amounted to \$293,000.

“3. By creating HGMD, residents were able to finance purchase with tax-free bonds, paying substantially lower interest than would otherwise

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## Management

# 2018 HG census results

By Calvin White  
General Manager

The 2018 HG Census results have been tabulated. The average age of Heather Gardens (HG) residents is 73.6 years old. This is not the oldest average age in the past 12 years, but it is slightly older than two years ago.

The number of units responding this year totaled 1,999 of 2,426 units possible, for 82.4 percent, which is much better than the 71 percent from 2016. The information below shows the general demographics of the community, and how the current results compare to past census reports.

HG Census	2018	2016	2014	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004
Number of Residents	2,791	2,584	3,365	3,397	3,356	3,265	3,369	3,416
Average Age	73.6	73	74	74	74.7	76	76.1	74
Median Age	75	76	77	77	77	78	78	77
Age 16-29	12	14	11	12	13	9	13	14
30-39	11	9	14	13	11	11	5	5
40-49	22	20	49	48	54	35	35	31
50-54	25	36	64	52	71	65	68	205
55-59	122	98	163	154	164	130	137	
60-69	633	545	660	668	591	504	448	479
70-79	979	854	968	971	963	972	1,249	1,283
80-89	748	723	1,197	1,152	1,225	1,273	1,160	1,185
90-99	193	195	239	226	224	179	133	136
100+	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Did not give age	43							
Youngest Resident	18	18	18	20	19	20	20	16
Oldest Resident	102	101	98	100	103	97	102	100
Units with 1 resident	1,198	1,157	1,508	1,510	1,508	1,474	1,496	1,218
2 residents	760	680	864	872	870	841	887	722
3 residents	23	22	39	40	38	30	29	22
4+ residents	1	0	3	4	0	4	1	1
Email	1,569		1,022	1,001	891	825	604	395
# of Females	1,798	1,671	2,183	2,167	2,179	2,132	2,181	2,235
Males	993	913	1,182	1,230	1,177	1,129	1,188	1,181
Average years in HG	9.5	10	10	10	11	11.4	11.9	11
Longest Residency	45	43	41	40	39	39	32	31
Rentals (%):	17	14.7	15.3	17.2	13.7	10.9	9.9	9
Working Full time	298	137	209	254	231	190	228	
Working Part time	170	101	170	172	143	150	178	

## GM's Report

### General Manager

- Attended board and committee meetings.
- Reviewed payables and Capital Projects.
- Reviewed ACC Project Approval forms.
- Met with Comcast to review timeline for fiber optic cable installation.
- Attended the Annual Board Walk Around.
- Attended meeting with USI to discuss HGA/HGMD Insurance renewal.

### Controller

- Continued to work with Ruben Brown to wrap up final audit items.
- Met with USI to start HGA insurance renewal discussions.
- Met with Bobbie Fitzgerald to discuss the July 1 worker's comp renewal policy.
- Reviewed the Capital Reserve workbook with John Coil for the upcoming budget process.
- Met with Seville treasurer to discuss various financial report items.

### Paint

- Completed 62 work orders.
- Completed B215 chair rail project.
- Completed painting in the Clubhouse.
- Met with B211 to discuss upcoming chair rail project. Then began the project.
- Contacted striping companies to get bids on striping garages.

### Maintenance

- Maintenance completed 757 work orders. Of those, 174 were billable.
- Completed plumbing inspections in B206 and CP2.
- Replaced gas-pump shed at maintenance building.
- Excavated around B232 and B234's parking slabs to start waterproofing foundation joints.
- Repaired and rewired air unit for the restaurant kitchen.
- Completed the Annual Board Walk Around.
- Replaced cracked cast-iron drain pipe inside the wall in B215.

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**Meet & Greet with General Manager Calvin White:** Wednesday, Aug. 1, 8-9:30 am, Clubhouse Lobby  
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# Couple met at HG: romance led to recent wedding

For 79 years the adage “Always a bridesmaid, never a bride” applied to Judy Carnes, née Whittemore, B218.

Born into a tight-knit family, Judy’s brother Dick teased: “If you get married, I want to give you away.”

Her brother Dan, a Community of Christ Minister, said he would be happy to officiate the rites. Her sisters bided their time for a chance to assume their roles should nuptials ever be forthcoming. But not until June 23 this year, and after a long teaching career, did Judy obliged them by exchanging vows with Ron Carnes, B218, in an intimate ceremony.

Before finding “the perfect husband,” Judy embraced her mother’s legacy as a teacher.

Judy was born in Ashton, Idaho, just west of the Yellowstone/Grand Teton National Parks. When her father entered WW2 service, Judy’s mother accepted a teaching position in a one-room schoolhouse “in a valley that was 50 miles from any town.” Gray’s Lake Valley held the wonder of the great outdoors for Judy and the first four of seven siblings.

The family lived in a one-room teacherage attached to the one-room schoolhouse that had no indoor plumbing or electricity. One of the ladies from the valley babysat Judy and three younger children while the eldest attended first grade.

“I can remember sitting on the stoop between the school room and our home, listening to what went on in the school room. I’m sure that’s where I got a lot of my teaching ideas.”

Snow enveloped the valley early and remained long, isolating residents for weeks. Judy’s mother

despaired being snowbound, but the children found snow joy. One of Judy’s pleasant memories is the sounds of Christmas bells attached to horses pulling her uncle’s sleigh. Successive storms piled the snow high and fluffy. Walkways to the outhouse were not shoveled, just tamped down.

“One time I fell off the path. The snow was probably six to eight inches above my head. My brothers went and got the coal shovel and started digging me out. When mother saw what they were doing, she came and rescued me.”

Her father returned at the end of WW2, and moved the family to the Denver area. Judy was in the second class to graduate from the new Cherry Creek High School.

After college, Judy became a junior high school guidance counselor in a career that spanned from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Anaco, Venezuela, and ended in Lee’s Summit, Missouri. Teaching three years in Venezuela was a way she could afford a travel experience outside the U.S. She doubled as a remedial reading teacher in a private school whose American students were the children of parents who worked in the oil fields.

“Once I started teaching reading, I found that was my great love.”

She continued teaching remedial reading back in the states. Boys who entered 8th grade not knowing how to read had eight years of failure to overcome.

“They were not about to cooperate with any teacher. They were done.”

Judy drew from her creative talents to motivate them. First she had to maintain control when a boy let loose a long, thin reptile with legs. She showed no fear curtailing the skink. She gave easy assignments to boys who thought they couldn’t do the work.

“They became offended when the work became too easy. They began to work at their level. That was probably my most successful tactic: Putting them in charge of what level they worked at.”

Judy sorted through the reasons the boys  
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*Above: Ron Carnes and Judy Whittemore, B218, exchanged vows on Saturday, June 23, at HG. After meeting in HG, the couple’s romance blossomed. Friends and family were on hand to witness the nuptials.*

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# Supermarket malcontent



When I was growing up there was an expression, it went like this, “I’ve had a belly full.”

Sometimes parents in disciplining, or other instances used it as an expression of frustration. Or other times it was just used to vent over the many irritants of life.

Well, I’ve had a belly full, and perhaps you have also. The subject is: stickers and packaging of our food.

Who in their right mind came up with this diabolical torture for consumers? And more importantly, why did it become necessary?

Can one not discern a banana from an orange, or a pineapple from a peach any longer?

This morning I have in front of me, several pieces of fruit. Each one has a bar code and a four digit number with the identifying country and grower’s name. Plus re, removing them before washing, leaves a sticky residue on the fruit.

All well and good for grocery stores. But what happens if you bite into one of these and find yourself fishing around your mouth trying to extract a sticker from your teeth?

And while I’m on the subject, what’s up with sealed plastic packaging that you have to dynamite to open for access to the contents? From prescription containers to common household items, including innumerable other products.

I was almost in tears the other day when I could not open a sealed plastic container to free up potato salad.

First, I tried with my hands, then I banged it on the counter. Then I tried to use my teeth. Finally, I got pliers and pried open the seal.

I thought about knocking on my neighbor’s door to ask for assistance — but I refused. Thereby, I confessed my inability to open the container — it was too humiliating. Maybe I should have called Maintenance.

After traveling through Europe and seeing the venue of open air markets, with tables laden with assorted breads, cheeses, cakes, and fruit, I wonder how many of their population could adapt to our labeled marketing practice. Would they digest a belly full of stickers, or carry pliers with them to open containers?

Scanning fruit with bar codes probably is a small issue. Glad to say that so far I don’t expect to be around when we are scanned for personal identity, health history, background information, etc.

I’m sure that day is near when we all have a hologram tattooed into our foreheads or hands. I’m leaving earth in the original organic condition that I came — no identifying stickers or holograms for me!

– Diana Vaher-Valencia, B218

## Black Canyon of the Gunnison has astonishing depth and a roaring river

The Black Canyon of the Gunnison (BCG) was given National Monument status by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1933. It became a National Park in 1999. The park is located just a short drive east of the city of Montrose, on the western edge of Colorado.

The indigenous Ute people knew of this canyon, and were very superstitious of it, due to its depth, its noise and its darkness.

By the late 1700s, two Spanish explorations had passed by the area. It wasn’t until 1853 that an engineer named John Gunnison came into the

area, surveying for a possible rail line from Saint Louis to San Francisco. The rough terrain discouraged him. By 1881, General William Palmer had completed a rail line from Denver to the town of Gunnison and east of the canyon. His plan was to access the gold and silver mines in the San Juan Mountains by narrow gauge rail. His original idea was to run the tracks along the river at the bottom of the canyon. But it became obvious very quickly that it would be an impossible task.

Of the 12 men on the original 1882 surveying crew, eight left shortly after seeing the deep parts of the canyon. They wanted nothing more to do with the project. The tracks were eventually laid on the south side of the canyon at ground level.

By 1890, a more direct route to Salt Lake City was completed through Glenwood Springs. Interest and use of this trackage to BCG waned. However, local trains ran on the “Black Canyon Line” until the early 1960s.

The canyon is known as being “steep, deep and narrow.” At an overlook called the “Painted Wall,” the depth is 2,250 feet from the top.

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Above: A view of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison from the Chasm View overlook.

Photo by Lisa Lynch, National Park Service.

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Rare 1344 sq ft 2 bed 2 ba end unit w/ formal L/D, lrg eat-in kit, newer cabs & cntrs in kit, neutral crpt/pt, appl. New full gl encl lanai, w/ views of green belt. Spacious Master suite w/walk-in shower closet. Lndry rm w/ nwr w/d, strg lkr & bldg. gar prkg.

**ACTIVE- Alpha GC/Mountain Views/Remodeled \$222,900**  
Beautiful remod Penthouse 1200 sq ft 2 bed, 2 ba unit w/ gl encl, lanai w/ GC & Mt views. Remod eat-in kit & ba, SS appl, new crpt /pt/vinyl wd plank flrs, AC, vlted ceiling, strg lkrs, structure prkg.

**U/C- Atrium C Gorgeous Remodel \$310,000**  
Coveted Remodeled 1410 sq ft Atrium C end unit w/ formal L/D, gl encl. lanai, nwr kit & ba cabs, granite cntrs, vinyl plank flrs, appl, windows, AC, laundry w/ W/D. Strg locker & gar parking.

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# The Month (July)

Rewiring HG with fiber optic cable began in July. The area initially earmarked for exterior work, phase 1, included the segment of property encompassing B201–B216, STHs, CP2 and CP3.

The project will continue to move northward and around the neighborhood, until all residential housing is updated. The work is expected to take five to six months, with HGMD properties outfitted with fiber optic cables early next year.

Fiber optic cables transmit signals through glass strands using infrared light. This newer technology will replace the copper wires for phone service and coaxial cables for TV — state of the art when HG was built.

Once installed, HG residents using Comcast may get improved television reception, internet and wifi connections for computers and other electronic devices, landline or cellphone service, and home security. Each element requires the homeowner to subscribe through Comcast for the services you want.

At the HGMD Board meeting, General Manager Calvin White noted that the project is expected to be completed by December 2018, although the agreement allows it to go until April 2019.

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At the HGA Board meeting, Treasurer John Coil

presented a tentative schedule for preparing the 2019 budget process. He wanted to give the board and the community a heads up, he said, that getting this year's budget finished within the time constraints dictated by law will be a Herculean effort.

"The basic principal," he said, "is to let people know a little bit about what our budget schedules are like...how they might get involved...We're the managers of it, but it's their money. They need to be involved in it as much as possible.

"We do have some new requirements this year. Colorado law has changed so that one of the provisions that applied to new homeowner associations (HOAs) now applies to older HOAs."

Even older HOAs, he continued, now need to hold "a membership meeting that is focused on answering one question: whether or not to veto the budget that was approved by the board."

"We also need to make sure that whatever's in the budget is what we're going to live with for a year, which would include the recreation fee." To change it, HG must "go through the same approval and membership-meeting process again.

"Our Declaration says we have to have a budget by the end of November." The additional requirements mean

The advertisement is framed in red and features a background image of a garage building with a red roof and a red pickup truck. On the left, there is a large sign for Labor Day featuring an eagle with a wrench and a banner that says "Happy Labor Day". An American flag is flying on a pole to the left of the sign. The main text of the ad reads: "OVERHEATING SPECIAL 25% OFF COOLANT FLUSH WITH \$250 OR MORE OF COOLING SYSTEM REPAIRS". Below this, it says "CALL OR EMAIL TODAY FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT & DETAILS. EXPIRES 9/30/2018". A smaller line of text states "SOME RESTRICTIONS APPLY. COUPON REQUIRED AT TIME OF PURCHASE AND CAN NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS." In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "AAA DISCOUNTS REWARDS". At the bottom of the ad, the website "WWW.TAPPSGARAGE.COM" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the website, the address and phone number are listed: "8000 E. MISSISSIPPI AVE, DENVER, CO 80247 • (303)752-2880 • MON-FRI: 7:30AM-5:30PM".

# That Was...

that the budget schedule “becomes a lot tighter.

“The HGMD will have some of the same kind of issues on their budget, as well. We’re not asking for action, right now — we’re letting you know about some of the problems.”

...

General Manager Calvin White reported that the structural repairs to Parking Structure 4 (PS4) had been completed. Repairs “actually were completed 10 days ahead of schedule and roughly \$50,000 under budget,” he said.

More money than had been identified as needed for PS4 had been budgeted for the project, as the likelihood existed of finding that more work was needed once the concrete was invaded. In the end, additional work wasn’t required.

“The engineer did a review while the repairs were going on, on the concrete structure and strength of repairs. Our engineers felt the quality of our repairs was excellent, and the aggregate and the concrete were in pretty good shape after the repairs were complete,” White said.

...

The interior of the Clubhouse has been repainted. The original seven colors used inside the building were reduced to three or four colors.

The Sandberg Auditorium will be painted in September, during the class break, said Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluisse. The indoor-swimming-pool area also is due to be repainted.

...

Replacing the cement parking bolsters in the Clubhouse parking lot with painted, rubber ones is being studied, for possible inclusion in the 2019 budget. Many residents fall over the cement bolsters, which are the same color as the parking spaces. If drivers run over the bolsters, the rubber ones would be kinder to the undercarriage of their cars.

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Communications Committee Chair Bill Reynolds told the committee that 10 HG condos had sold in June, leaving 11 condos available as of July 3. Twenty units were under contract. The median days on the market was 6.5.

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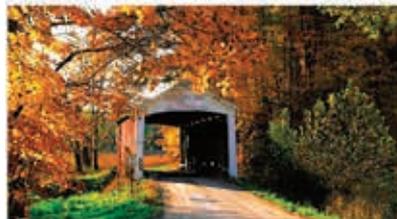
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The **Sock Hop** on June 23 gave HG residents a chance to bring back the 1950s: in the clothes they wore and the music for dancing. Celebrants even tried to twirl a hula hoop again. “Elvis Presley” (aka Shel McClaury) visited.

Channeling *Grease* (the movie), 50 years ago, with the T-birds and Pink Ladies.

**Summer Nights**

Danny\* sang: Summer lovin', had me a blast

Sandy\*\*: Summer lovin', happened so fast

Danny: I met a girl crazy for me

Sandy: Met a boy cute as can be

[Both]: Summer days drifting away

To, uh oh, those summer nights

(\*John Travolta played Danny;

\*\*Olivia Newton-John played Sandy)



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# Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center



Above: After the ribbon was cut, dignitaries kibitzed. |

The ribbon cutting for the new Veteran Affairs Hospital in Aurora on the Fitzsimons campus was held July 21. Several members of Colorado's legislative representatives gave speeches: Congressmen Jared Polis, Ed Perlmutter and Mike Coffman, Congresswoman Diana DeGette, and Senators Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet. The overwhelming emphasis in everyone's remarks was the perseverance required to complete this hospital, which began its planning in 2002.

Also providing comments at the event was Sallie Houser-Hanfelder, Director of the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, and Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Peter O'Rourke.

Some units and clinics will be open to outpatients by the end of July. Hospitalized veterans at the current Denver VA hospital will be transferred in August. HG veterans will find the new Aurora location much more convenient.

## Carnes...from page 17

didn't read. Some were dyslexic. Some had hearing problems. Some couldn't see well. Many had come from overcrowded classrooms where the teachers didn't have time to work with them.

By 8th grade, boys that age are naturally competitive and always hungry. Judy made games of her lessons to determine why a boy was not succeeding. A timed spelling contest at the blackboard could indicate dyslexia when a boy didn't have time to figure out the difference between "b" and "d." Selecting vowels from a bowl of letters could determine hearing loss between words such as "pen" and "pin." Game points for reading comprehensive questions taught them to pay attention and listen. Whole grain crackers were cov-

eted prizes.

"They would go back and tell their teacher they went to Miss Whittemore's class to play games."

Her longest position was in Lee's Summit, Missouri, where she taught from 1973 to 2000. Some of her extended family lived nearby. When they moved to Colorado, Judy moved along with them. She came to HG in 2006, moving into the building where Ron lived.

She was impressed with the patient and tender care he gave his ailing wife until her death. In time, Judy

and Ron began to walk together. Their relationship progressed four years before they decided to get married.

A quote from a card given to her by her niece Holly sums up Judy's outlook on life so well, she put it on her wedding announcement.

*"There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved."*

– George Sand

– Dala Giffin

Below: The celebrants at the Carnes' wedding included family and HG neighbors.



## HGMD President...from page 11

Clubhouse and the Maintenance facility. It will include advanced warning signs as the vehicles approach from either direction. It will also include overhead red and yellow lights. These features in the new crosswalk that will have curb ramps will be provided by the city. HGMD will be required to install an ADA five-foot sidewalk to the north entrance of the maintenance building. The city is estimating a fall installation.

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I have heard from residents who either have no computer or do not get HG's e-blasts that provide current happenings of the boards and committee functions. When we change meeting dates and times, they are unaware of the changes.

Your HGMD must post these changes in three locations in the clubhouse. They are: both entrances and outside the Management Office

on the second floor. You may also set up an email address and use the computers in the library to get this information.

Contact me anytime, [craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org](mailto:craig.baldwin@heathergardens.org) and 720-535-1917.

– Craig Baldwin  
HGMD President

From the Optimist Creed: *"Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind."*

## Gunnison...from page 19

At the view point called "The Narrows," the river is only 40 feet wide. At "Chasm View," the width is 1,100 feet across.

Due to the narrowness of the canyon and its the depth, sunlight only reaches parts of the river at the bottom for about 33 minutes a day.

The geology of the canyon is what makes it so fascinating, drawing visitors to the park. The geology is complicated. It took millions of years to form, due to heat, pressure and erosion — all are visible from various overlooks. Three geologic eras were involved in the formation, beginning 1.7 billion years ago.

The length of the river from where it enters the canyon on the east to where it exits the park is 48 miles. Only 12 miles of the river are within the park.

Visitors to the park, as well as early explorers, are astounded by the roaring noise the river makes as it speeds through the narrow canyon. The steep pitch that the water travels over creates the sound. The river falls at a rate of 34 feet per mile. The most rapid drop of 240 feet per mile occurs at Chasm View.

By comparison, the Colorado River flows through the Grand Canyon at a rate of 7.5 feet per mile, making the Black Canyon the steepest descent of any river in North

America.

Visitation to BCG is low. Only 238,000 people passed through the gates in 2015, which equates to just 652 visitors per day. By comparison, 12,400 people per day visit Yellowstone in a year.

Flora and fauna are plentiful and quite diverse. At an elevation of 9,000 feet, an assortment of both can satisfy most any nature lover. Rock climbing in certain areas is permitted, and some of the darkest skies in the west allow for spectacular star viewing.

The main access road is on the south side of the park. It is well maintained. An access road on the north side of the canyon is more remote. It is closed in the winter. The north side has fewer view points into the canyon, and no visitor center.

An irrigation project, known as the Gunnison Tunnel, was started in 1905. It was completed in 1909, then dedicated by President William Taft in September of that year. This tunnel was constructed to supply river water



Above: The Black Canyon of the Gunnison from Oak Flat Trail. Photo by Zach Schierl, National Park Service

to the agricultural areas around Montrose. This tunnel is still in use today. The cost of construction at the time was \$3 million.

The South Rim Drive is seven miles from Tomichi Point to High Point, and has 12 overlooks. Most are reached by walking a short trail. Allow 2–3 hours to view several overlooks. Those with limited time should consider stopping at Gunnison Point, Chasm View, Painted Wall and Sunset View.

– Denise McCammon  
B242

{This article about the Black Canyon of the Gunnison (BCG) is the third in a series about Colorado's National Parks for Heather 'n Yon.}

## Nepotism...from page 10

Plan of Action in question will be cancelled.

### 6. Violations and Penalties

6.1 In the event that a person fails to make a disclosure required by section 4, and/or fails to comply with the remedial measures described in section 5, that person may be subjected to one or more of the following actions: transfer, reassignment, and/or disciplinary action including dismissal.

6.2 If a person performs an act that constitutes a Conflict of Interest as defined in section 1.2, that person may be subjected to disciplinary action including dismissal.

6.3 Any employee who has a concern about potential non-compliance

with this policy may contact their supervisor the General Manager, or Human Resources, to discuss the matter. Retaliation against an employee for reporting such a concern in good faith is prohibited and employee confidentiality shall be kept to the extent that the information will be discussed only with those who have a need to know and whose input is necessary to resolve the issue.

7. Related Persons currently employed by HGA

7.1 Following the enactment of this policy, employees who are currently in a superior and/or subordinate position directly or indirectly, with a Related Person, shall create a Plan of Action to document the remedial measures that are being taken and/or will be taken to resolve the Potential Conflict of Interest. After ap-

proval by the General Manager and Human Resources, such documentation will be placed in the personnel files of each individual.

### 8. Other conflicts of Interest

8.2 Actual or potential conflicts of interest that arise for reasons other than the personal and family relationships described in 2.1 above are not covered by this policy. However, any other applicable legal obligations and ethical principles will continue to apply to HGA employees' handling of such conflicts of interest.

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# Four HGA Board directors to be elected Oct. 2

Homeowners who wish to run for a vacancy on the homeowners association board of directors (HGA) have until 4 pm Monday, August 13, to file a self-nomination form in the Management Office. Four vacancies on the HGA Board are expected at the annual election, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Three candidates will be elected to three-year terms. One candidate will be elected to replace Chuck Montgomerie, who resigned from the board in July. His remaining term is two years.

Application forms are available from the Management Office, or any member of the HGA Nominating Committee. A résumé is a required part of the application. It should be included on or attached to the origi-

nal application.

A director must be a resident owner who is not delinquent, and who has been a resident of the community for 12 consecutive months (physically present) prior to the August board meeting. Further, no current director is eligible for a third consecutive term, unless the number of available candidates is insufficient to fill the vacant position.

Eligible homeowners who are willing to devote the time to, and have an interest in, serving their community are encouraged to run. To ensure a vital election, many more candidates are needed than simply the four who would be sufficient to fill the vacancies.

The community is grateful to those who are willing to stand for election, whether elected or not.

Candidates should have one or more of the following: 1) Ability and willingness to devote the required time for the office sought; 2) Administrative and leadership experience and abilities; and 3) Experience in functional areas represented in the HGA organizational structure.

The Nominating Committee will review all applications, then publish a list of all candidates meeting the qualifications. The list of candidates will be presented to the HGA Board at its Aug. 21 meeting.

A "Meet The Candidates Forum," at which candidates address the public and answer questions, is scheduled 3–5 pm Saturday, Sept. 15, in Sandberg Auditorium.

**Bill Reynolds**  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
HGA Board

## GM Report...from page 15

- Replaced heat run isolation valve in B242.
- Replaced heat piping in B235 and B242.
- Rewired air-handler controls in B201, B202, B203 and B204.
- Replaced fluid control valve and bearings in B201.
- Installed two new LED pole heads at PS1.
- Installed entry double doors and continuous hinge on left side in B202.
- Replaced shower drain in B204.
- STH 3266: lined disconnected mainline sewer pipe through outside unit cleanout.
- Repaired and cleaned mainline sewer pipe break at CP5.
- Replaced rusted metal front railings with aluminum railing at B222.
- Completed mold mitigation from a leak in B202.
- Completed plumbing project in B214 that replaced the hot-water recirculation pipes.
- Completed asbestos abatement in hallway trash chute rooms in B213, then installed tiles and cove base in the chute rooms.

### Contracts

- Scheduled roofing project for B243.
- Obtained pricing to revise the sidewalk for a crosswalk outside the Maintenance Building.
- Obtained pricing to re-coat driveway, and new easement road outside of B243.
- Project management for Restruction Company Post Tension Cable Repair PS4.
- Worked with contractor and maintenance for B216 warranty roof repairs.

- Attended pre-planning meeting with City of Aurora to discuss requirements and codes for Parking Structures 3 and 4.
- Researched pricing for HGA components list on Capital Reserve report.
- Scheduled replacement of elevator jacks for B203.
- Worked with Denver Commercial Coatings to paint B205, B204, B207, and B244.
- Provided project management for Seville Pool renovations.

### Custodial

- Completed 50 work orders.
- Completed cleaning all building carpets.
- Completed 20–25 set-ups at Clubhouse (morning crew).
- Completed 50 set-ups at Clubhouse (evening crew).
- Completed project to spray down all end stairwells in 4-story buildings.
- Trained new custodial employee.
- Completed project to clean all elevator tracks.

### Golf

- Continued daily mowing and golf preparations.
- Graded and seeded tree-stump areas between #1 tee and #5 fairway.
- Applied weed control around tree rings and bunker edges.
- Installed additional netting at practice cage and treated carpet for mildew.
- Continued irrigation inspection and maintenance.
- Replaced wash-bay pipe and valves in shop.

- Trimmed overgrown sod around yardage markers.
- Removed dead tree on left side of #9 green.
- Washed and serviced golf car fleet.
- Sprayed wasp nests at cart barn and scheduled ant treatment at Pro Shop areas.

### Roads & Grounds

- Prepped and seeded area along wall on HG way with water wise turf seeds.
- Ordered 24 replacement trees and 308 replacement shrubs.
- Attended annual Board Walk Around.
- Pruning shrubs on a work-order basis.
- Re-rocked the rock beds inside of Seville pool area.
- Began edging sidewalks around the community.
- Continued herbicide applications.
- Began working on work orders from the walk around.
- Began annual concrete and asphalt inspections for repair.
- Removed four small dead trees.
- Planted nine replacement trees.

### Security

- Total of 553 reports written and 3,516 miles patrolled.
- Purchased a new patrol vehicle.
- Completed the annual Board Walk Around.
- Coordinated with Maintenance to remove unlabeled lock boxes located throughout the community.

**Employee of the Month:** Joe Quinn, Maintenance Department

# Letters

## Heather 'n Yon

Heather Gardens is self-governing community. That means homeowners must participate, not just by voting, but by getting involved in their committees and its boards. Increasingly though, participation is waning.

The excuse I hear is that there is too much controversy and no one wants to get involved in that. Yet, lack of participation is the root of controversy.

It does neither the community nor a director of a board any good to have uncontested elections. If you wonder why in 2017 the HGMD Board became dysfunctional — it is because of a decade of uncontested elections. If you wonder why in 2018 that board and HGA Board are in conflict, it is because of uncontested elections.

The community is not served when it has few or no candidates to choose from. The directors who are appointed or elected without opposition are not served by a community that provides them with no mandate, no support and no interest.

So, I beg you to get involved and submit an application to nominate yourself as a candidate in the HGA Board of Director's election on Oct. 2. The application deadline is Aug. 13. Do not delay. Act now!

**Forrest McClure  
B231**

## Heather 'n Yon

Lead the ARO Team

Support your HG community by joining the Area Representative (AR) volunteer leadership team. We are currently seeking a new president, vice president and secretary to lead the Area Representative Organization (ARO) in 2019.

To be considered, you must be a current or past AR and willing to serve a two-year term as the conduit between the HGA board and the ARs, who work diligently to watch over the properties and serve the residents who they represent.

If you would like to be consid-

ered, or would like to recommend a current or former AR for this position, please contact one of the members of the ARO Nominating Committee below:

• Larry Francone:

*lfrancone@comcast.net*

• Julianne Griswold:

*jgriswold39@comcast.net*

**Larry Francone  
B215**

## Heather 'n Yon

My thanks to the residents who have sent in contributions for the upcoming 2019 trip for the Sound of the Rockies chorus to represent America at the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landing, known as D-Day, at Omaha Beach and in Brittany, France. Every \$25, \$50 or \$100 helps sponsor a performance by the chorus at these sacred ceremonies.

One of our singers last week reported, "My dad was at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. He was one of only seven men in his landing craft to survive the assault on D-Day. He advanced into France and Germany to the end of the war. Then [he] participated in the liberation of the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

"I would love to come with the chorus and honor my father's service, but I can't afford to go. I'm a single dad, working and raising two children. Every dollar I make is used for them."

This gave me a sinking feeling in my stomach. I have vowed that he, and another dozen or so men who want to come, will be able to come.

For Heather Gardens veterans of any conflict, or for those whose parents or family members served in WW2, we invite you to make a tax-

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The banner we will carry in the parade for the "Salute to Liberation" in the village of St. Mere-Elise will have your loved one's name displayed.

If you are able, please lend a hand. Checks payable to "Sound of the Rockies" can be sent to me.

**Bruce Henson  
STH**

**Chair, Normandy 2019 Project**

## Heather 'n Yon

The HG Clubhouse and HG Optimist Club are co-sponsoring a clean, gently used towel and wash cloth drive to benefit Aurora Warms the Night (AWTN).

AWTN is setting up a mobile shower unit for their clients in the near future. They will be in need of clean, gently used bath towels and wash cloths. Color and style are not important. The collection will be 1-3 pm Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the HG Clubhouse Lobby. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

**Anita Huddleston  
B223**

## Heather 'n Yon

You are invited to the HG Optimist Ice Cream Social on 4:30–6:30 pm Friday, Aug. 17, in the Banquet Room of Rendezvous Restaurant.

Monies from this fundraiser will benefit Aurora Cooks, run by the city of Aurora. Last year's proceeds were used to provide eight scholarships for area students to attend cooking camps in Aurora. There will be sweepstakes tickets for sale to win prizes donated by local businesses. We look forward to seeing you there!!

**Paula Moore  
B236**

## Heather 'n Yon

This is a reminder that the HG Grief Support Group will begin new sessions starting Sept. 4. If you have lost a loved one and are struggling, this group will help you work through your grief. We have eight sessions

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# AUGUST CALENDAR

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>Meet &amp; Greet with General Manager Calvin White</b> HG Ladies' Golf Scoring (every Wednesday) ACBL Duplicate Bridge (every Wednesday) Pinochle (every Wednesday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Historical Fashion Show</b> Co-ed Poker (every Wednesday) CP1 Happy Hour Square Dancing Club	Clubhouse Lobby Game Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Sandberg Auditorium Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Sandberg Auditorium	8-9:30 am 9 am-1 pm 1-4:30 pm 1:30-4 pm 2 pm 4-9:15 pm 5 pm 7:30-9:30 pm
<b>Thu 2</b>	HG Breakfast Optimist Club TOPS (every Thursday) HG Writers Club (every Thursday) Bunko Cribbage (every Thursday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Thursday) <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Orientation</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Account Reviews</b> CP4 Social Kiwanis Club of Aurora (every Thursday) American Legion Post 2012 Men's 9-Ball Billiard Tournament (every Thursday)	Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Sandberg Auditorium Lodgepole Lounge Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Mountainview Room Billiards Room	7:45 am 8:30-9:30 am 1-4 pm 1-3:30 pm 1-3:30 pm 2-5 pm 4-6 pm 4-7 pm 5 pm 6 pm 7 pm 7-9:30 pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Men with Purpose Coffee HG Men's Golf Picnic HG Indivisible Group (every Friday) 500 Club (every Friday) <b>Clubhouse Matinee: I Can Only Imagine</b> Men's Poker (every Friday) <b>Clubhouse Movie: I Can Only Imagine</b>	Skyview Room Picnic Pavilion Rendezvous Restaurant Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium	10 am 10 am-2 pm 12:15 pm 12:30-4 pm 1 pm 4-9:15 pm 6:30 pm
<b>Sat 4</b>	Mexican Train Dominoes (every Saturday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Saturday) B218 Picnic <b>Clubhouse Event - 1st Saturday Night Live Dance</b>	Arts & Crafts Room Game Room Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium	noon-4:30 pm 2-5 pm 3:30-6:30 pm 6:30-9:30 pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Men's Bridge (every Monday) Mah Jongg (every Monday) Ping Pong Singles/Advanced (every Monday)	Skyview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room	11:30 am-2:30 pm 12:30-4 pm 2-5 pm

## Advertised Activities and Seminars

Mon, Aug. 6	Bayer Ear Clinic (Every Monday)	Arts & Craft Room, 9 am-noon (See ad, p. 20)
Thu, Aug. 9	Free Lunch/Window Seminar, Renewal by Andersen,	Rendezvous, 11 am-1 pm (see ad, p. 36)
Tue, Aug. 14	Planning For Your Future,	Mountainview Room, 10 am, (See ad, p. 6)
Fri, Aug. 17	Golf Tournament at Windsor Gardens,	Harvard Sq & St Andrews Village, 7:30 am, (See ad, p. 13)
Tue, Aug. 21	Your Medicare Choices,	Kirsch Insurance Group, Aspen Room, 11:30 am-1 pm (See ad, p. 32)
Wed, Aug. 29	Cuba's History,	Cherry Creek Retirement Village, 1 pm (See ad, p. 48)

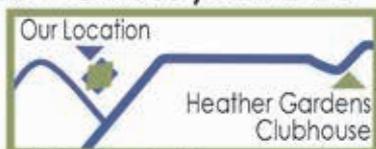
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<b>Mon 6</b> (cont'd)	Men's Texas Hold 'em (every Monday) Pinochle - Open (every Monday) <b>Clubhouse Event: ABCs of Square Dance</b>	Blue Spruce Room Mountainview Room Arts & Crafts Room	5-9 pm 6:30-9:30 pm 6:30-8 pm
<b>Tue 7</b>	Bridge (every Tuesday) Hand and Foot (every Tuesday) Mah Jongg (every Tuesday) Ping Pong Doubles/Intermediate (every Tuesday) B215 Happy Hour Co-Ed Billiards Club (every Tuesday) NoteAbles Mixed Chorus (every Tuesday)	Skyview Room Mountainview Room Blue Spruce Room Game Room Rendezvous Restaurant Billiards Room Sandberg Auditorium	12:30-4 pm 12:30-4 pm 1-4 pm 2-5 pm 5 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event - Active Minds: Marshall Plan</b> Seville Beach Ball Volleyball Tennis Club Sevillians Dinner Aviation Club	Sandberg Auditorium Seville Pool Rendezvous Restaurant Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen Room	2 pm 4-5 pm 5 pm 5-7 pm 7 pm
<b>Thu 9</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Great Rabbis, Great Insights</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Orientation</b> Green Team <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Account Reviews</b> HG Republican Club	Blue Spruce Room Sandberg Auditorium Skyview Room Lodgepole Lounge Aspen Room	10 am 11 am-1 pm noon 1-3 pm 5:30 pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Flea Market</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: AARP Driving Course</b> Karaoke Club	Sandberg Auditorium Arts & Crafts Room Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	8 am-4 pm 1-5 pm 6 pm
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Flea Market</b> B220 Picnic Women with Dreams 50 and Who's Counting	Sandberg Auditorium Picnic Pavilion Mountainview Room Picnic Pavilion	8 am-4 pm 11:30 am-3 pm 2-4 pm 5:30 pm
<b>Tue 14</b>	VNA Clinic Parkinson's Support Group HG Indivisible Group B203 and B204 Picnic <b>Clubhouse Event: Towel Drive for AWTN</b>	Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room Aspen Room Picnic Pavilion Clubhouse Lobby	1-5 pm 1-3:30 pm 3:30 pm 5 pm 1-3 pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Square Dancing Club	Sandberg Auditorium	7:30-9:30 pm
<b>Thu 16</b>	HG Breakfast Optimist Club <b>Clubhouse Event: Watch Batteries</b> <b>Clubhouse Event: Ice Cream Social</b> Bunko Residents' Open Forum <b>Clubhouse Event: Comcast Account Reviews</b> CP4 Picnic	Rendezvous Restaurant Lodgepole Lounge Picnic Pavilion Blue Spruce Room Rendezvous Restaurant Lodgepole Lounge Picnic Pavilion	7:45 am 9 am-1 pm 10 am-noon 1-3:30 pm 3 pm 2-5 pm 4-8 pm
<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>Mobile Post Office</b> Men with Purpose Coffee <b>Clubhouse Matinee: Isle of Dogs</b> HG Optimist Club Ice Cream Social	<b>Circle Driveway</b> Skyview Room Sandberg Auditorium Rendezvous Restaurant	<b>11:40 am-noon</b> 10 am 1 pm 4:30-6:30 pm

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# AUGUST CALENDAR, Cont.

<b>Fri 17</b> (cont'd)	CP3 Pizza Party <b>Clubhouse Movie: Isle of Dogs</b>	Picnic Pavilion Sandberg Auditorium	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
<b>Sat 18</b>	Wine and Cheese Social Club B223 Picnic	Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms Picnic Pavilion	3–5 pm 4:30–8:30 pm
<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: HG Talent Show</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	3 pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	VNA Clinic	Blue Spruce Room	1–3:30 pm
<b>Tue 21</b>	Genealogy Swap Shop B205 and B206 Happy Hour <b>Ward V Town Hall Meeting with Bob Roth</b>	Skyview Room Rendezvous Restaurant Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms	9–11 am 5 pm 6:30 pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Resident Orientation	Board Room	10 am
<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Swingtime</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	7 pm
<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Hippie Party</b>	Picnic Pavilion	5:30 pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	Low Vision Support Group	Mountainview Room	1:30 pm
<b>Tue 28</b>	HG Democrat Club Caregiver's Support Group	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room Aspen Room	4 pm 7 pm
<b>Wed 29</b>	HG Ladies Golf Summer Picnic	Rendezvous Restaurant	noon
<b>Thu 30</b>	Frolics Club Meeting	Aspen/Blue Spruce Room	6:30 pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	<b>Clubhouse Event: Generation Jazz Trio</b>	Sandberg Auditorium	1 pm

## Heather 'n Yon Deadline - 8/17

### Bible Study (Interdenominational), Wednesday 8–9 am

We probe the Scriptures with an eye to practical applications for everyday living. It is a great mid-week boost. Women meet in the Aspen Room. Men in the Blue Spruce Room. For more information, call Daisy Hoeme, 303-752-2312.

**Rosary Prayer Group** - meets every Tuesday, 9 am, in the Aspen Room. For information, call Joe, 913-526-4177.

**Catholic Mass** - Saturday, 1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. All HG residents are welcome. Father Terry Kissell presiding.

**Chapel (Interdenominational Church Service)** - 11 am, Sunday, Sandberg Auditorium. Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Bible Study - Sunday, 10 am, Mountainview Room. Leader: Reverend Bill Cheyne.

Coffee Time - 3rd Sunday, prior to the chapel service.

Prayer Meeting - 2nd Thursday, 2 pm.

## • Monthly Meetings • Boards and Committees

Civic Affairs – 10 am Thu, Aug. 2  
 Property Policy – 9:30 am Mon, Aug. 6  
 Ad hoc Golf Staffing – 9 am Tue, Aug. 7  
 Communications – 10 am Tue, Aug. 7  
 Foundation – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 8  
 Clubhouse/Rest – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 9  
 Long Range Plan – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 14  
 Golf – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 14  
 Capital Reserve – 10 am Wed, Aug. 15  
 SEC – 1 pm Wed, Aug. 15  
 ACC – 10 am Thu, Aug. 16  
 Budget & Finance – 10 am Mon, Aug. 20  
**HGA Board – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 21**  
**HGMD Board – 1 pm Thu, Aug. 23**  
 Resident Open Forum – 3 pm Thu, Aug. 23  
 (Rendezvous)  
 Roads and Grounds – 10 am Tue, Aug. 28  
 Structure Maintenance – 1 pm Tue, Aug. 28

## VNA Senior Wellness Clinics

Charges: Toenail Cutting (includes blood pressure) \$45 (1st visit, 1 hour), \$35 (returning client); Fingernail trim \$15; Blood Pressures \$3; B-12 Shots (serum supplied by client) \$15, Glucose \$5. *If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel or you will be charged \$5.* Have exact cash amount or checks, made out to "VNA." The clinic has no change.

### Schedule:

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, VNA 303-698-6496.

Monday, Aug. 20, 1–3:30 pm, Blue Spruce Room, Blanche McKinney, 303-751-6444

**Note:** Kaiser covers 100% medical foot care for some patients. Call 303-698-6496 to verify coverage.

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once a week on Tuesdays, 4–6 pm, at the Clubhouse. Registration is required. The group is not limited to just HG residents, but to anyone grieving.

For information, call Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722. I have been facilitating these groups for years and work under the Institute of Bereavement training that I received. The Grief Support Group can help.

– **Joanne Brand**  
**B233**

## Heather 'n Yon

When did we, the HOA homeowners, get to vote on whether we wanted a nonsmoking community? The board appears to have made this decision without consulting the homeowners.

The board of directors are responsible for making decisions on behalf of homeowners. This is supposed to be done on our behalf, not theirs. There is a procedure the board must follow because the association belongs to the homeowners.

A couple years ago, two sur-

veys on smoking were sent to the residents of HG. In both surveys, the majority of residents said they did not want a non-smoking community. Mysteriously, the vote totals on these surveys were changed to reflect a different result. Then the board of directors created a form that stated new homeowners were not allowed to smoke in their homes. Homeowners did not approve or vote for this form. This piece of paper is not a legal document — it can be easily challenged in a court of law.

The state of Colorado has laws that recognize the rights of home-

owners. These laws allow homeowners to smoke in their home and 15 feet away from building entrances.

There is much to be discussed before an HOA decides to change into a non-smoking community.

The HOA also needs to consider if we still want a board of directors. Do we want to hire a property management company? Then the homeowners who comprise the HOA needs to be respected and given the opportunity to exercise their voting rights on both issues.

**Mary Wagner**  
**B244**



Left: The barbecue serving line.  
Below: Grill masters.



Right: The HG Optimist Club, in partnership with the Aurora Warms The Night homeless resource center, provided a barbecue “Summer Lunch” on July 12 at City Park for 145 homeless and local community residents.

The Optimist Club and its members donated money to purchase the food and fixings. Seventeen club members prepared and served hamburgers, cheeseburgers, potato salad, clementines, condiments, cookies and water – plus 33 “treat bags” for the children that attended. Photos by Jim Dingfelder, B241.

Right: Grillmaster Tom Merges, B242, gets help from Joe Moore, B236 and Mike Pula, B243.

Left above: Filled treat bags are ready to hand out. From left: Linda Merges, B242, Pat Dingfelder, B241, Paula Moore, B236, and Anita Huddleston, B223.

# FYI

## Ward V Town Hall Meetings

Councilman Bob Roth, who represents HG/Ward V on city council, has monthly town hall meetings. The next meeting will be 6:30–8:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Heather Gardens, Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. Topic will be: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). Check [www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org). Sign up for Roth’s weekly newsletter, [broth@auroragov.org](mailto:broth@auroragov.org), or, 720-202-2695.

## Senac Creek Nature Center at Aurora Reservoir

Opened in April, the Senac Creek Nature Center features a completely redesigned space with a stunning photography display, interactive exhibits, electronic games, handmade puzzles, critter costumes and more. 5800 S. Powhaton Road, 303-326-8429.

## Citizens’ Police Academies

The upcoming Citizens’ Police Academies (CPA) — with evening or daytime sessions available — offer residents a chance to learn more about the Aurora Police Department and an opportunity to meet and learn from officers in an interactive classroom setting.

The next evening CPA starts Aug. 7 for 15 consecutive Tuesdays from 5:30 to 9 pm. Most classes will occur at the Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora Room, 15151 E Alameda Pkwy.

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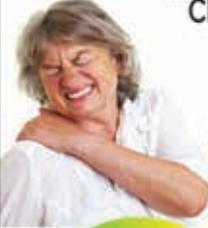

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# Clubs and Organizations

## CP1

Our happy hour meets at 5 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, in the Banquet Room. See you Aug. 1!

## HG Breakfast Optimist Club

We are a service organization that focuses on youth in the community, and are always looking for folks interested in joining us. Our projects this year include the Salvation Army, Childhood Cancer Campaign, Type 1 Diabetes, the Aurora Cooking School and Aurora Warms the Night.

We meet at 7:45 am in Rendezvous on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Please join us — we'll treat you to a complementary buffet breakfast at your first visit. For reservations, contact Jeannine Montgomerie, 309-310-5315 or [jmntg.1229@gmail.com](mailto:jmntg.1229@gmail.com).

Our August meetings will be Aug. 2 and Aug. 16. We'll also be having a gently used, clean-towel drive 1–3 pm Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the Clubhouse. Items donated will go to Aurora Warms the Night.

## TOPS

Are you ready to stop dieting, and start making real changes? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing the tools, information, and support that you need to be successful.

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The HG TOPS Club meets from 8:30–9:30 am every Thursday in the Blue Spruce Room. Men and women are welcome, so come in around 8:15, so we can say "hi!" For information contact Vicki Queen, 303-489-0409, or visit [www.TOPs.org](http://www.TOPs.org).

## HG Writers Club

Whether you're just beginning to put pen to paper or you are a published author, we invite you to join us for a time of education, fellowship

and inspiration. New members are always welcome.

We currently meet 1–4 pm every Thursday in a Clubhouse room. Please contact Gloria Leshner, 720-315-9925, for further information. We look forward to meeting you.

## CP4

Our monthly socials are 5 pm at Rendezvous, the first Thursday of the month. Come meet your neighbors. Ordering food is optional.

– Carol Drollinger

## Kiwanis Club of Aurora

The club is a member of a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The club meets 6 pm Thursdays at the Rendezvous Restaurant at HG.

We also are on the web: [Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org](http://Aurora-co.kiwanisone.org). For more information, call Rich Richardson, 303-368-5747.

## American Legion Post 2012

This post meets in HG, at 7 pm on the first Thursday of the month. We would love to have you join us, and talk with the leadership, helping us help your community grow stronger in support and unity.

The Legion family would like to welcome you to join an exciting, patriotic family of great people. To accomplish this goal, we would like to hear from you. The American Legion is about you, and how we can be of service to you. What ideas do you have that we may bring in to your community? If you are interested in learning more about The American Legion, please contact District 6 Commander Annette Johnson, 303-627-0892.

## Men with Purpose

A group of men, with diversified backgrounds, gather to discuss timely topics regarding healthy aging and purposeful retirement. Books and articles relating to these topics are discussed by group members.

Leadership is shared. Men With Purpose meets the first and third Fridays of each month, 10–11 am, in the Skyview Room. For further information, contact Gene Dawson, 720-535-9672.

## Joppa Daylight Lodge AF & AM

All Master Masons living in HG are invited to attend Joppa Daylight Lodge. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Radiant Temple, 225 Acoma St., Denver. Lunch is at 11:30 am, and Lodge is at 12:15 pm.

We are the only lodge that meets during the day in the Denver metro area. For information, call Bill Rapp, 303-953-1021.

## The NoteAbles Mixed Chorus

No new HG organization can have success without the support and encouragement of friends, community, and Clubhouse staff and volunteers. The proof is that the NoteAbles celebrated their first anniversary on July 10 with a rehearsal and party.

Attendance at our first two concerts, "Christmas Is," in 2017, and the 2018 Memorial Day performance of "This is Our Country" was standing-room only. We are grateful.

Your goodwill donations made it possible for the NoteAbles to pay the director and guest performers, and purchase music, materials and publicity flyers. We also sent a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project on your behalf.

We look forward to a second year of friendship in music and performances at HG. On our schedule is Christmas holiday concert, "It's In The Air," Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Rehearsals for fall and winter performances have begun on Tuesday nights, 7–9 pm in Sandberg Auditorium. Join the NoteAbles as we kick-off a second season with new music, members, and a new look.

## The Sevillians

Two social events are being held on Wednesday, Aug. 8: the Sevillians dinner, 5–7 pm; and the Seville pool beach ball volleyball, 4–5 pm.

Dinner: Our monthly dinner will be in the Banquet Room on the second Wednesday, August 8. All residents of the Seville buildings are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with other residents living in the Seville.

Mae Shockley has once again offered her musical skills at the piano, leading us in a lively game of "Name that Tune." Each table,



Above: Beach ball volleyball in the Seville pool. Connie Stewart, B233, organized this aerobic pool exercise, which the Seville Recreation Association approved for 4–5 pm every Wednesday while the pool is open.

consisting of eight guests, will have a table captain, and compete for first place.

Our July dinner has been the most successful event thus far. Forty guests were served in a timely manner by our waiter, John. Thank you, John, for an outstanding job!

Pool Beach ball: Come and enjoy this newly offered activity, and then join the others at the dinner. We will save a special table for those residents wishing to play ball and attend the dinner. Entertainment will be held after the meal. – Patt Clark

### Aviation Club

The club will hold its August meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 pm Aug. 8, in the Aspen Room. The program will be on the U.S. Navy's new ASW Patrol plane, the P8 Poseidon.



A mixture of short videos and slides will show the new ASW plane

and its weapons systems. Join us.

– Rudy Morris

### The Green Team

The team welcomes anyone interested in helping improve our environment. We are a small, but mighty, organization. Attend our next meeting at noon Thursday, Aug. 9, in the Skyview Room, to see what we will be doing next. For more information, call 303-306-0066.

The Dog-Composting Pilot Project, funded through an Aurora city grant and sponsored by The Green Team, achieved its 50-member goal, by the end of July. The Green Team then raised the limit to 60 participants, so that more dogs and their concierges may participate in the program. The pilot project runs Aug. 1-Oct. 31, with a kick-off event on July 27 at the Picnic Pavilion.

### HG Republicans

HG Republicans have made a big change. We will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be 5:30 pm Aug. 9 in the Aspen Room.

Dahlia Weinstein, candidate for House District 41, will be our speaker. Pam Benigno, Director of Education Policy with the Independence Institute, will talk about the proposed tax increase. Everyone is invited, and we will have refreshments.

– Ruth Prendergast

### Karaoke Club

The club meets 6–8 pm on the second Friday of every month in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Rooms. This month, we gather on Jan. 12. BYOB and snacks.

Great songs to choose from and sing. Sing solo or with a group. For information, call 303-398-3998 or 309-310-5315.

### Women with Dreams

We meet on the second Saturday of each month, 2–4 pm, in the Mountainview Room. – Charlotte Haymore

### 50 & Who's Counting

Our Saturday, Aug. 11 meeting is

our annual picnic! We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill and lots of fun. The club will contribute the main course. We would love it if you would make reservations, and let us know what you would like to bring (buns, condiments, potato salad, etc.).

The picnic will be free to members, and \$5 for guests (anyone who is not a paid member). The meeting will be at the Picnic Pavilion. The social time will be at 5:30 pm. We will eat at 6 pm. Please call Sandy Brent, 720-281-7906, as soon as possible for reservations. Please join us for a great evening!

### A Circle of Friends

Do you need to meet new friends and find new activities? Give us a call — A Circle of Friends is the original Ports of Call Singles (OPOCS) group, 55+. We will meet and greet you, and learn what you like to do.

Monthly activities include Senior Ric's, 4–6 pm, second Monday. Panera's, 9–11 am on the third Monday of the month: coffee, social time. Birthday lunch brunch, poker, pinochle, bridge plus social times. Bakers St. Pub, 4–6 pm, fourth Thursday.

Call Joann Cunningham, 303-751-5195, HG resident, for more information and monthly newsletter.

### Aurora Christian Women's Vital Network Brunch

We invite you to join us the second Tuesday of the month, 9:30-11 am, at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have an interesting feature, and a speaker who has an uplifting story.

We have brunch, which costs \$13, including tax and tip. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Karen, 303-888-3555.

### Parkinson Support Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 1–3 pm in the Aspen Room. Please contact Meredith, 303-731-4620, with questions.

### Heather Gardens Indivisible

Our group is an informal network of citizens concerned about preserving democracy, promoting equality of opportunity, and ensuring that government serves all of the people.

Our next meeting will be  
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# Sports and Recreation

## Ladies Golf Club

What a great 2018 season we are having — but hang on — we are not over yet. By the time you read this article, the Ladies Golf Club will have played one of our most anticipated tournaments, “The Battle of the Gardens.” Full details next month.

The Club Championship (Aug. 27 and Aug. 29) is just around the corner, with the prized “Green Jacket” up for grabs. Please participate in this great event — both Net and Gross Score winners will be announced for each flight. The Summer Picnic Luncheon will be held at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 29 in the Rendezvous Banquet Room. This luncheon will feature the election of new officers for 2019.

All club members need to sign up and pay, by check or cash for the luncheon, either in the Game Room after golf, at the Pro Shop, or directly to Linda Savage, 720-290-5185. There will be signs posted at the Pro Shop, and Clubhouse. The absolute deadline is Aug. 22.

The Ladies’ and Men’s Mixer was held on June 18. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of this tournament, and to the Men’s Club for providing a great spread of food and drinks for lunch afterwards.

Tournament winners are:

- Women’s Longest Drive: Beulah Gould
- Men’s Longest Drive: David Krell
- Women’s Closet to Pin: Glenda Pitts (10’ 2”)
- Men’s Closest to Pin: Jess Deal (17’ 2”)

### First Flight

- 1st Charlane Plucheck, George Brown (Net 62)
- 2nd Bev Nelson, Vern Thompson
- 3rd Glenda Pitts, Bob Budden
- 4th Judy Brehmer, Pete Profera

### Second Flight

- 1st Mary and Steve Thornton (Net 72)
- 2nd Honor Bradley, David Krell
- 3rd Pat Reichert, Mike Corcoran
- 4th Florence Madonna, Ron Hileman

### Third Flight

- 1st Sue Robertson, Chuck Finder (Net 74)
- 2nd Sharla Sheeks, Jess Deal

- 3rd Mary Frevert, Ed Bradley
- 4th Eileen Umhoefer, George Dipaolo

### Fourth Flight

- 1st Beulah Gould, Jon Erion (Net 79)
- 2nd Sally Koepke, Larry Hill
- 3rd Cecily and Blair Kittleson
- 4th Helen and Al Reasoner

### Winners June 20

#### Flight A

- 1st Charlane Plucheck
- 2nd Diane Pugh
- 3rd Sara Stoner

#### Flight B

- 1st Connie Burns
- 2nd Mary Ann Morris
- 3rd Trudy Marquardt, Bonnie McMullen

#### Flight C

- 1st Sue Robertson
- 2nd Barb Gierscher
- 3rd Sally Koepke

#### Flight D

- 1st Suzi Stolte
- 2nd Ann Agee, Joyce Angel

### June 27

#### Flight A

- 1st Nancy Bonniwell
- 2nd Margie Francone, Barbara McShane, Glenda Pitts, Barbara Tucker

#### Flight B

- 1st Rosalie Einspahr
- 2nd Tina McLaughlin
- 3rd Bonnie McMullen, Shirley Hendren

#### Flight C

- 1st Mary Lou Corliss
- 2nd Bev Nelson
- 3rd Cecily Kittleson, Barb Gierscher

#### Flight D

- 1st Sandra Sweeney
- 2nd Ann Agee
- 3rd Lil Pickrel

### July 11

#### Flight A

- 1st JoAnn Fitch
- 2nd Beulah Gould, Glenda Pitts, Nancy Bonniwell, Joyce Laffea, Sally Perisho

#### Flight B

- 1st Sally Murphy
- 2nd Trudy Marquardt, Shirley Hendren

#### Flight C

- 1st Mary Frevert, Barb Gierscher
- 3rd Helen Reasoner,

Sue Robertson,  
Eileen Umhoefer

### Flight D

1st Jeanine Kilde, Vickie Wolfe  
3rd Kathy Liss, Lil Pickrel  
HGLGC encourages all women interested in golfing, no matter their skill level, to join our handicapped golf league. It is a great league comprised of awesome women who enjoy weekly camaraderie, entertaining stories, great friendships and — of course — golf. New members can obtain an application in the HG Pro Shop or by contacting Debbie Madril, 303-755-9990, or Mavis Richardson, 303-368-5747. Also, check out our website [heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com](http://heathergardensladiesgolfclub.com) for additional details and information.

The next HGLGC board meeting will be 1 pm Wednesday, Aug. 29, in the Board Room. — Charlane Plucheck and JoAnn Fitch

### HG ACBL Duplicate Bridge

This club plays 1 pm Wednesdays in the Blue Spruce Room. Help setting up is appreciated, so come early.

For more information, call Merilyn VanZevern, 720-282-3199, or John Osterberg, 720-535-1038. For partnership information, call Linda Harder, 303-369-2032.

### Pinochle

Evening Pinochle meets 6:30–9:30 pm Monday nights in the Mountainview Room. For information, call Ann Gagliardi, 303-332-2163.

Afternoon Pinochle meets Wednesdays, 1:30–4 pm, Mountainview Room. We only play for fun and entertainment. With questions, call Virginia Walcher, 303-632-8039.

### Men’s Poker

We welcome all interested men poker players to join us at our regular poker sessions. On Monday and Wednesday of each week, we play Texas Hold ’em in the Blue Spruce Room. Ladies are invited to join us at the Wednesday sessions.

On Fridays, we play friendly, small-stakes poker, in the Skyview Room, usually including a variety of “dealers choice” games. All play is 5–9 pm. Please call Larry Hill, 720-272-7765, or Milt Merrick, 303-829-7188.

### Square Dancing

Fun, exercise, and friendship.

Come square dance on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 7:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium. Bob Riggs is the caller.

All square dancers are welcome. Call Dolores Bendekgey with questions, 720-747-4666. Cost: \$5 per person.

### **Bunko**

Bunko is played 1–3:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Blue Spruce Room. For information: Debbie Brooks, 303-923-3809.

### **Men's Golf**

Gentlemen: What a season we have been having. Recent highlights include the Optimist Club's root beer float sale/Ladies Golf Club bake sale that raised lots of money. The Ladies/Men's Clubs mixer was played a week late, due to a weather postponement. The team of Charlene Pluchek and George Brown was the overall winners. Thanks to Kate and Gene Barth for hosting the luncheon after play concluded.

Our Match Play Champion, William Schmit, was crowned after winning over Dave Oakland, 3 and 2. Thanks to all who participated: well done!

What can I say about our August plans? It is Championship Month! Good Luck to all. Play your best!

### **Tournament Results June 22**

#### *A Flight*

- 1st Gene Barth
- 2nd Randy White
- 3rd Gary Barranco, Jerry Joy
- 4th Eli Henrie, William Schmit

#### *B Flight*

- 1st Dan Robinette
- 2nd David Krell
- 3rd Mark Ruhl, Mike Meagher
- 4th Wally Armistead, Dave Bushman, Bradley Kunish

#### *C Flight*

- 1st George Dipaolo
- 2nd Ted Cowan, Jim Regan
- 3rd Matt Dunne, Len Liss, Al Reasoner

#### *D Flight*

- 1st Robbie Robertson
- 2nd John Good
- 3rd Rich Richardson, George Brown
- 4th Sam Lozano

#### *E Flight*

- 1st Tim Bessey
- 2nd Tom Scally

- 3rd Joe Heugel
- 4th Blair Kittelson, Joe Robinson

### **June 29**

#### *A Flight*

- 1st Pete Profera
- 2nd Eli Henrie, Tom Parko, Jerry Joy
- 3rd Vern Thompson, Dan Wallace
- 4th Chuck Finder, John Bender

#### *B Flight*

- 1st John Densmore
- 2nd Tom Leavey
- 3rd Ron Hileman
- 4th Jim Jensen, Tony Maestas
- 5th Mark Ruhl, Tom Smith

#### *C Flight*

- 1st Matt Dunne
- 2nd Manny Gallegos
- 3rd Rob Ledford
- 4th Al Reasoner, James Sellers, Jim Regan, Mike Connolly, Ray Binder

#### *D Flight*

- 1st John Good
- 2nd Bruce Richards
- 3rd Van Kinahan
- 4th Clyde Robinson
- 5th Gale Gibson

#### *E Flight*

- 1st Tom Scally
- 2nd Tim Bessey
- 3rd Mike Corcoran
- 4th Joe Heugel, Paul Spoutz, Keith Gilchrist

### **July 6**

#### *A Flight*

- 1st Chris Hughes
- 2nd Pete Profera, William Schmit
- 3rd Tom Parko, John Bender, Gene Barth
- 4th Jerry Joy

#### *B Flight*

- 1st John Good
- 2nd Jess Deal
- 3rd Tom Leavey
- 4th Tony Maestas, Mark Ruhl

#### *C Flight*

- 1st Wally Armistead
- 2nd Jim Pardikes
- 3rd Tom Merges
- 4th Larry Fracone, Robbie Robertson
- 5th Ted Cowan

#### *D Flight*

- 1st Tom Kappel
- 2nd Larry Maitland, George Wiemann
- 3rd Joe Pucci, Ray Binder

#### *E Flight*

- 1st Mike Corcoran, John McMullen
- 2nd Bob Budden
- 3rd Joe Heugel
- 4th Neil Miller

### **July 13**

#### *A Flight*

- 1st Chris Hughes
- 2nd Pete Profera
- 3rd William Schmit
- 4th Tom Parko, Ed Bradley
- 5th John Densmore, Jerry Joy, Gene Barth

#### *B Flight*

- 1st Neil Buck
- 2nd Jim Jensen, Dave Bushman
- 3rd Paul Zipp, Matt Dunne, Wally Armistead, Milton Larry, Mark Ruhl, Tony Maestas

#### *C Flight*

- 1st Dave Hartenbach
- 2nd Manny Gallegos, Tom Fitzgerald, Jim Pardikes
- 3rd Tom Merges
- 4th Tom Smith, George Dipaolo, Robbie Robertson, Bob Riley

#### *D Flight*

- 1st Tom Kappel
- 2nd Joe Pucci
- 3rd Jim Sellers
- 4th Bill Archambault
- 5th Bruce Richards, Al Reasoner, Ralph Romero, Ray Binder

#### *E Flight*

- 1st Neil Miller
- 2nd Doug Powell, Joe Heugel
- 3rd Bill Riley, Joe Robinson, Jon Erion
- 4th Bob Bell, Mike Corcoran

Always remember to respect fellow golfers, respect the course, embrace the single player and keep on swinging. – Ed Bradley

### **500 Club**

We want you! Do you like to play cards with a fun, easy-going group of people? Then you must join us for 500.

We play at 1 pm every Friday in the Skyview Room. Don't know the game? It's easy to learn, and we are happy to teach. See you Friday! Linda Serio, 303-368-8123

### **Mexican Train Dominoes**

We play noon–4 pm every Saturday, Arts & Crafts Room. Games start at noon and at 2 pm. For information, call Viola Stafford, 720-535-5638. Men's Bridge

This group meets every Monday, 11:30 am–2:30 pm, in the Skyview Room. Call Maris Kuga, 720-748-0590.

### **Mah Jongg**

We meet 12:30-4 pm every Monday, Blue Spruce Room, except the  
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# Employee Recognition

## Employee of the Month

Joe Quinn began working for HG as a Maintenance Serviceman in February 2016. He has done a remarkable job in his position. Joe is self-motivated in maintaining his buildings on a regular basis so they are always in great shape. With a can-do, will-do attitude, Quinn volunteers to take extra On-Call duties when needed.

Joe often receives compliments and positive feedback from co-workers, crew chiefs and residents for the quality of work he produces. His positive attitude is noted as well.

Recently, we've received dozens of compliments from multiple residents in B222, who were all impressed with Joe's quality of work. They wanted to express their gratitude and appreciation for his hard work.

Joe is always considerate, polite and has a great

rapport with the residents and his fellow employees. With his exceptional work ethic and quality of service, there is no denying that Joe is an asset to HG. I appreciate everything he does.

Please join me in congratulating Joe Quinn as the June 2018 Employee of the Month.

– Calvin White,  
CMCA  
General Manager



Joe Quinn  
Maintenance Serviceman

## HGMD Foundation

The Foundation Committee met on July 11.

The sale of sweatshirts were discussed. Thirteen sweatshirts that residents ordered have not been picked up. I called each of these people. They are to meet me after the Foundation meeting. There will be some sweatshirts left over. They will be put up for sale in the Golf Pro Shop.

The committee is investigating a new fund-raiser. There are some benches at various locations throughout HG that need replacing. It was mentioned that a few new ones might be needed. This project will be investigated further before proceeding.

It was also discussed that a more cordial style of tables and chairs could be purchased for the shaded porch in front of the Golf Pro Shop, replacing the picnic tables. Price for such outdoor furniture will be investigated.

The Foundation has initiated a "Come together for Heather Gardens" initiative. Committee members would

like residents to send letters to Foundation Chair Bonnie McMullen, 13890 E Marina Dr. #206, or email to [mcjbon@gmail.com](mailto:mcjbon@gmail.com), describing stories that you have witnessed that makes Heather Gardens great. I will pass along 2–3 per month to be featured in *Heather 'n Yon*. The Foundation Committee and I would like to generate a positive feel about living at Heather Gardens.

### Donations to the General Fund

- B204 in memory of Dinese McAdams and Spencer Stepenske
- B217 in memory of Annette Janda
- Bev Havens in memory of Ruth Lusk
- B221 for Winton Hughes
- B218 in memory of Walso Keenan

The next meeting is 1 pm Wednesday, Aug. 8, in the Board Room.

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3:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 14, in the Aspen Room. The meeting will focus on the role of big money in American politics. The question is, can true democracy survive if wealthy groups increasingly dominate campaign spending?

As a focal point, we will show a short movie about the role the Koch brothers have played over the last half-century. If you are concerned about this issue, please join us. Summaries of recent monthly meeting discussions can be found on our web site: <https://sites.google.com/view/hgindivisible>.

Finally, we hold an informal information-sharing meeting every Friday in Rendezvous at 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome. – Al Lindeman

## **B203 and B204**

B203 and B204 hold a combined social, meeting at Rendezvous on the second Tuesday of each month, 5 pm, for drinks and dinner. – Laurel McClaren, 303-337-2685.

## **Colorado Symphony Guild – Hilltop/Southeast Chapter**

The Hilltop/South unit of the Colorado Symphony Guild meets over lunch the third Wednesday of each month at Rendezvous. A business meeting starts at 11:30 am. We invite new members to join us.

RSVPs are required. For further information, call Connie Reger, 720-535-6485.

## **CP3**

Pizza Party! Join us for our get-together this month at 5:30 pm Friday, Aug. 17, in the Picnic Pavilion. We'll have soda pop, and it's OK to BYOB. – Cindy Crockett, [cindycrockett5@gmail.com](mailto:cindycrockett5@gmail.com)

## **Wine and Cheese Social Club**

Join us on the third Saturday of each month, 3–5 pm. We get together in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine and a snack. Enjoy socializing with other HG neighbors.

Entertainment is provided. If you have a talent you want to share, we invite you to join in. – Karen McClaury

## **Genealogy Swap Shop**

If you are interested in finding your ancestors and tracing your family history, please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 9–11 am, Skyview Room. For information, contact Harold Thompson, 720-748-7090, or Ruth Miller, 720-535-4954.

## **B205 and B206**

Happy hour is 5 pm on the third Tuesday each month in Rendezvous. Join us!

## **HG Democrats Club**

The club meets 4–5:30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, in the Aspen Room. Our speakers on Aug. 28 will include a presentation on rank-voting systems, with Joan Lopez, candidate for County Clerk and Recorder, and others, TBD. Questions: Martha Karnopp, 303-353-9640, or [mjkarnopp@gmail.com](mailto:mjkarnopp@gmail.com)

## **The Society of Military Widows Chapter 22**

We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at Blossoms in Windsor Gardens. We have lunch, which is \$13.50, and includes tax and tip.

For information, call Sally, 303-751-7299. For a reservation, call Monica, 303-341-2482. – Mae Shockley

## **Low Vision Support Group**

Our no-cost meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month, 1:30 pm, Mountainview Room. We hope you will join us. Free transportation to meetings is available. Call Marsha Bergen, 720-535-5224.

## **SRA**

The Seville Recreation Association meets the fourth Monday of every month, 10 am, in a different Seville building each month. For information: Vicki Wolfe, 360-589-9502.

## **Caregivers Support Group**

The HG Caregivers Support Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month in the Aspen Room, 7–8:30 pm. All caregivers are welcome to attend.

This is an opportunity to share our joys, challenges, successes, solve problems, and share helpful information with each other.

If you cannot leave your care receiver alone, we have an experienced caregiver who will spend the time with your special person in

another room in the clubhouse during our meeting. For more information, call Nancy Fuhr, 303-337-4890.

## **Frolics Club**

The HG Frolics Club Board elections will be held at our annual meeting, 6:30 pm on Thursday, Aug. 30, in the Aspen/Blue Spruce Room. The slate of candidates is:

President: Barbara Schneller,  
Jimmie Whorton, Tom Parko  
Vice President: Micheline  
Fulkerson

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Wolther

Recording Secretary: Jerry  
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Corresponding Secretary: Maria  
Mines

Business Manager: Joyce Laman  
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Crockett

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## **League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties (LWVADC) is a cadre of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to educate, advocate, and empower our fellow citizens in the democratic processes. Membership is open to women and men. Call Charlotte Faris, 303-690-8466, for information on meetings.

## **HG Grief Support**

If you have lost a loved one, this Grief Support Group can help you. I offer eight-week sessions — spring and fall — to help participants through their grief. New session starts Sept. 4. Registration is required. Contact Joanne Brand, 303-750-9722, for information.

Joanne Brand has been offering support groups for more than 12 years. Individual contact is available if you need help at other times.

## **Photo Club**

The HG Photo Club will take a summer break through September. Our regular meetings will resume on the third Monday on Oct. 15, 3 pm in the Aspen Room. The October theme will be “Summer Travel.”

All are welcome to attend, and enjoy and learn about good photography. See you in October — have a great summer and take lots of pictures!

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third Monday of each month, when the VNA has Blue Spruce. Then we meet in the Arts & Crafts Room, where three card tables are set up for us.

You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. We play for a maximum of \$3 — bring your nickels, dimes and quarters.

All HG players are welcome. For information: Estelle, 303-750-0936.

## Ping Pong

Fun and free, great exercise. Come join us in playing ping-pong doubles, 2 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the Game Room. Beginners may meet on Fridays at 2 pm, but you must call Bob Schlageter, 303-751-2205, to make arrangements, and you will need to bring someone to play with. See you there. — B. Schlageter

## Pickleball

The schedule for Pickleball will be emailed to everyone on the Pickleball email list for August. The times to play Pickleball outdoors on the HG Tennis Courts will be every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning, 9–11 am. We also will play indoors when there is available time.

The free Pickleball lessons are in full swing for HG residents. If you are interested in playing, email Gary at [pickleball@plaidflannel.com](mailto:pickleball@plaidflannel.com).

To see this lively sport in action, visit the “Pickleball at Heather Gardens” website: [plaidflannel.com/Pickleball](http://plaidflannel.com/Pickleball). The website offers detailed information on our current

playing schedule, instructional videos and information on the game’s history, rules and equipment.

If you want to learn more about Pickleball, or get on the roster, call Rosalie, 303-751-1226, or Judy, 303-369-6258, or contact us by email at [pickleball@plaidflannel.com](mailto:pickleball@plaidflannel.com).

## Hand and Foot

Hand and Foot is a card game that is fun, and easy to learn. We meet every Tuesday, 12:30–4 pm, Mountainview. With questions, call Phyllis Lann, 720-535-8531.

## Mah Jongg

We meet 1–4 pm every Tuesday, Blue Spruce Room, except the second Tuesday, when we play in the lobby (behind fireplace).

All players welcome, including beginners. You must have the latest Mah Jongg League card. Social game; we do not play for money, only glory.

Never played Mah Jongg? Come and observe, to see if you wish to learn. Call Carol, 720-628-4051, or Pat, 720-535-4603, for information.

## Billiard Club

The club meets for co-ed 8-Ball at 7 pm on Tuesdays, and Men’s 9-Ball at 7 pm on Thursdays. Annual dues of \$9 are payable on January 1 of each year.

All new players are welcome. Questions? Call Sean Kelliher, 720-427-6174, or Connie Burns, 303-695-0766.

## Co-ed 8 Ball June 19

1st Chuck Finder, Dee Moore  
2nd Brian Bucenec,  
Charlie Kachadoorian

3rd Connie Burns, Gil Lochhead  
**June 26**

1st Hi Reynolds, Dee Moore  
2nd Ray Binder, Sean Kelliher  
3rd Brian Bucenec, Rita Cusack

## July 3

1st Chuck Finder, Virginia Faubel  
2nd Joe Ozorkiewicz, Carlos Toner  
3rd Brian Bucenec,  
Virginia DiGuseppi

## July 10

1st Ray Binder, Sean Kelliher  
2nd Dee Moore, Brian Bucenec  
3rd Lindy Davenport,  
Larry Schneller

## Men’s 9-Ball June 21

1st George Hoffman  
2nd Ron Spry, Brian Bucenec

## July 28

1st Gail Gibson  
2nd George Hoffman  
3rd Lucky Highfill

## July 5

1st Ron Spry  
2nd George Hoffman

## July 12

1st George Hoffman  
2nd Brian Bucenec  
– Judy Brehmer

## ‘50 Bowling League

Want to be “bowled over”? Well, it’s almost time to shine the balls, and get them ready to roll down the alley. The bowling league kickoff meeting will take place at 9 am Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Brunswick Zone Heather Ridge Bowling Lanes, 3200 S. Peoria. We will start league play the following Thursday, Aug. 30.

For any further information, please call Larry Schneller, 303-923-3992. ‘Hope to see you all there.

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The next daytime CPA will start Aug. 6 for 15 consecutive Mondays from 1 to 4 pm at the Aurora Center for Active Adults, 30 Del Mar Circle. To apply, contact Alice Jackson, 303-739-6346, or [ajacsn@auroragov.org](mailto:ajacsn@auroragov.org). Applications are also available online at [AuroraGov.org](http://AuroraGov.org).

## Community Fire Academy

This academy is an eight-week program designed to give community members an overview of how Aurora Fire Rescue operates, including hands-on participation. It is not intended to train people to be fire-

fighters, but to produce informed residents. Participants will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings starting Aug. 8, as well as on one Saturday, Sept. 22. Applicants must be 18 years old, live in Aurora and agree to a background check. Applications are due July 27, and can be found at [AuroraGov.org/Fire](http://AuroraGov.org/Fire) by clicking on the Community Relations button. For questions, call 303-326-8978.

## Have a question?

### Access Aurora

Have you ever wondered whom to call with a question about the city or city services, or just need general information about Aurora?

Access Aurora, the city’s customer service center, is here to help. It’s open 8 am–5 pm Monday to Friday to assist residents and visitors. Call Access, 303-739-7000, or PoliceFire non-emergency, 303-627-3100.

### Get Help:

- Zoning questions
- Code enforcement
- Weeds, trees or landscaping
- Parking issues
- Snow removal
- Street/sidewalk repair
- Graffiti

Call 911 is for life-and-death emergencies or crimes in progress only.

See FYI...page 58

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## Light Up in Cuba



Wednesday, August 29, 1 p.m.  
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**Here's an update on Mango the cat who was adopted** at the May Adopt A Pet Day by Bill and Kay Parker. They now lovingly call him Mr. Thomas. Thomas enjoys drinking out of and sleeping in the sink, watching Heather Gardens activities and people out the window and Lanai. Thomas purrs when he gets a pet from Bill and Kay when they go to bed, then he explores and sleeps in other places around the condo at night and wakes up to more pets in the morning.

He's well-mannered and doesn't get up on the table or counters. Thomas has become their best friend; because of the Adopt A Pet Day they are now a new family of three.



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# Trips and Tours

**Please Note:** Courtesy calls from the Clubhouse are made 2–3 days prior to trip to give check in times and other pertinent trip information.

- Non-residents may only attend as the guest of a resident.
- Please note refund policy prior to registering.
- *Please tell Reception Desk if you need wheel-chair accessible seating.*

## Dazzle

Thursday, Aug. 30, 10:30 am  
Thursday, Sept. 27, 10:30 am  
Downtown

Signup Deadlines: Three weeks prior to each trip  
Cost: \$28

Senior Jazz lunch featuring a live jazz trio! Includes your choice of three chef-inspired entrees, soda, coffee, tea or glass of red or white wine, draft beer or well drink.

## On Your Feet!

Thursday, Aug. 9

**Sold Out**

## Winter Park Craft Fair

Saturday, Aug. 11

**Sold Out**

## Dead Sea Scrolls

Wednesday, Aug. 15

**Sold Out**

## Waistwatchers

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2 pm,  
Lakewood Cultural Center  
Cost: \$44

**Wait List**

## Rockies Game — Special Charter Trip to Coors Field

Sunday, Sept. 9, 11:30 am  
Signup Deadline: Aug. 31  
Cost: \$35

Join us for a special trip to a Rockies game on a Senior Day! Rockies versus Dodgers. We will charter a coach to take us to the game and back. Our seats are

along the first base line! Cost includes coach fare and game ticket. Bus will pick up residents between B243 and B244 on East Marina Drive.

## Cinzzetti's Restaurant

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 11:30 am  
Cinzzetti's in Northglenn  
Deadline: Tuesday, Aug. 21  
Cost: \$2.60 bus

From the first moment you enter Cinzzetti's, you see that it is an experience unlike any other. Bello! True Italian feast for the senses. Imagine a moment of exotic retreat as you stand by a granite and cobblestone Piazza, a splendidly faithful replication of a centuries old Tuscan Villa. The price of your meal doesn't change no matter how much you eat! \$8.59 for senior lunch (price subject to change, does not include beverage, tax or 15 percent gratuity.)

## Duo Classica: Romantic Encores

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 1:30 pm  
Lone Tree Arts Center  
Deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 22  
Cost: \$21

Praised for exquisitely poetic sonority, powerful and expressive execution, extraordinary precision, and dazzling virtuosity, Duo Classica is violinist Lydia Sviatlovskaya and pianist Olga Dashevskaya. Romantic Encores features some dazzling pieces from the romantic violin repertoire written by great virtuosos H. Wieniawski and F. Kreisler. This concert includes pieces inspired by brilliant tunes written by other composers: Wieniawski's "Faust," "Gypsy Caprice" and "Tzigane" by Kreisler, and "Hungarian Dances" by J. Brahms.

## Mamma Mia!

Wednesday, Sept. 19

**Sold Out**

## Adams Mystery Playhouse: Murder on Harley

Sunday, Sept. 23, 1–3 pm,  
Adams Mystery Playhouse  
Deadline: Sunday, Sept. 2  
Cost: \$44

1955: The RBMC, a motorcycle club, rides into Hollister, California for the annual races. The residents are uneasy, but mostly willing to put up with their visitors. But, controversy starts when first prize is given in the hotly contested "Arden Van Sycle" Motorcycle Rally. As the judges wait for the picture to be developed to determine the photo finish, trouble begins when the winner is announced! Dress in 1950s or in your motorcycle leathers if you choose. Gluten-free lunch included.

## Casino Trips

### Mardi Gras or Golden Gate – Blackhawk

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 8:30 am–3:30 pm  
Cost: \$6

Get a \$10 food voucher upon arrival redeemable at either Mardi Gras Casino or Golden Gate Casino. You get \$5 free play on a Players card (existing or register for one at the casino). Bus will pick up travelers in the Atrium parking lots between B243 and B244.

**Check out [www.heathergardens.org](http://www.heathergardens.org)**

## TRIPS POLICY

No transfers or refunds. Non residents may only attend as the guest of a resident. Note that RTD trip times listed are not actual departure times, they are approximate. Courtesy calls are made 2-3 days prior to trip to give check in times and other pertinent trip information. Please call if unable to attend. Bring your receipt to check-in.

Please note the signup/payment deadline for each trip. Don't wait until just before the trip departs to register or you'll miss it!

The local fare for SeniorRide and Senior shopper is **\$2.60 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older** and \$5.20 round-trip for all other passengers. Regional fare is \$4.50 round-trip for passengers 65 years or older and \$9 round-trip for all other passengers. Fare paid to driver.

All HG trips include an escort and small administrative fee. RTD fares are not included in trip fees and are to be paid to RTD bus driver at time of pickup. Exact change required. Drivers and HG staff do not have change available.

Questions about trip availability? Call the Clubhouse, 303-751-1811.

## Free Days for August

**Molly Brown House** Wednesday, Aug. 1  
303-832-4092, [mollybrown.org](http://mollybrown.org) 10 am–3:30 pm  
1340 Pennsylvania St, Denver

**Parker Arts** (free concert) Thursday, Aug. 2  
Discovery Park  
20115 Mainstreet, Parker 6–8 pm

**Clyfford Still Museum** is free Friday evenings 5–8 pm  
720-354-4880 Aug. 31, 10 am–5 pm  
[www.clyffordstillmuseum.org](http://www.clyffordstillmuseum.org)  
1250 Bannock St, Denver

**Denver Art Museum** Saturday, Aug. 4  
720-865-5000, 10 am–5 pm  
[www.denverartmuseum.org](http://www.denverartmuseum.org), 100 W 14th Ave Pkwy

**Denver Firefighters Museum** Saturday, Aug. 4  
303-892-1436, 10 am–4 pm  
[www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org](http://www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org)  
1326 Tremont Pl, Denver

**City Park Jazz** (free concert) Sunday, Aug. 5  
Chris Daniels and the Kings 6–8 pm  
with Freddi Gowdy

**Aurora History Museum** is free Tuesdays–Sundays.  
303-739-6660, 9 am–4 pm Tues–Fri  
[www.auroragov.org](http://www.auroragov.org), 11 am–4 pm Sat, Sun  
15051 E Alameda Parkway

**Denver Botanic Gardens @ Chatfield**  
720-865-4346, 9 am–5 pm Tuesday, Aug. 7  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org)  
8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton

**Denver Children's Museum** Tuesday, Aug. 7  
303-433-7444, 4–8 pm, [www.mychildsmuseum.org](http://www.mychildsmuseum.org),  
2121 Children's Museum Dr.

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**  
303-322-7009, [www.dmnns.org](http://www.dmnns.org) Monday, Aug. 13  
2001 Colorado Blvd, 4–10 pm  
(Fee for IMAX films, Planetarium)

**Mizel Museum** Thursday, Aug. 23  
303-394-9993 9 am–4 pm  
[www.mizelmuseum.org](http://www.mizelmuseum.org), 400 S Kearney St, Denver

**Denver Botanic Gardens** Wednesday, Aug. 29  
720-865-3500, 9 am–9 pm  
[www.botanicgardens.org](http://www.botanicgardens.org), 1007 York St, Denver

## Donaldson ...from page 14

have been possible. The savings to homeowners in interest alone, over the 20-year life of the bond issue, will total an estimated "\$1.01 million.

"4. After purchasing the recreational properties, the fees in 1984 were reduced to the amount needed to cover operating costs. The amount of the reduction is now being used to pay off the bonds and is collected as real estate taxes, thus becoming tax-deductible to the individual homeowners.

"5. As HGMD obtains its share of property tax proceeds from Arapahoe County each month, this money is invested at interest until bond payment is due. In 1988, \$23,000 in interest will be earned — and used to reduce the mill levy.

"6. As the bonded debt is retired, the residents' property values will increase every year:

"7. As a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, and of Arapahoe County, the HGMD receives a share of the proceeds of the State Lottery and the specific ownership tax paid on car license plates....The HG Picnic Pavilion was

provided from lottery funds.

"8. Because HGMD is a quasi-government, any purchases for use of the Community Center or Golf Course are sales tax-exempt. This saves 7.1 cents on every dollar spent. [Today, that tax rate is 8.5 percent, or a savings of 8.5 cents on every dollar spent.]

"9. HGMD, because it is a quasi-government, does not pay any federal or state income taxes.

"10. The facilities of the District produce income. This also accrues to the benefit of members, through payment or overhead costs. Income from the Golf Course, RV lot and restaurant have paid their combined costs of maintenance since [HGMD] was formed.

"In total, then — purchase of the HG {Community} Center, Golf Course and facilities has

(1) given residents **essential**

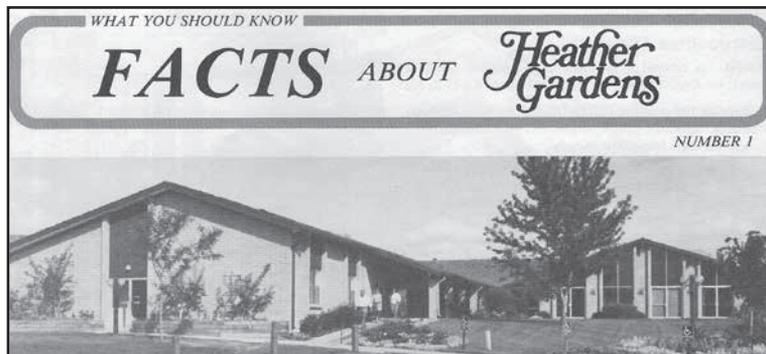
**control and direction of their use,** and

(2) provided savings in user fees, additions to property values and related financial benefits on a **multi-million dollar scale.**"

*All of these advantages remain largely true today. The disadvantage? That there are two boards, and periodically directors on those two boards feud. All residents can hope that the current disagreement that led to HGA cancelling the management agreement with HGMD as of Dec. 31, 2018, can be resolved before the deadline.*

*After all, most of the members are the same in the two groups: HGMD residents are mostly also HGA owners. The 14 percent who are renters (according to the most recent census) are members of HGMD but not HGA. Their landlords are the owners and members of HGA, but not HGMD members unless they live elsewhere in HG.*

*The feud does not serve members of both HGA and HGMD well. The 13 directors who represent these members on the two boards are smart enough to find a reasonable solution before the end of the year.*





Monthly concerts in the Clubhouse sometimes draw a large crowd. This one featured **Denver Mountaineers: Barbershop meets the Beatles** on June 29. Was it the popularity of this group, or the music by the Beatles? A different group is featured every month. Check it out: page 54-55.



Photos by Anne Hummel-Gillis



# Senior Property Tax Exemption Event: Aug. 14

*Senator Nancy Todd passed along a special announcement from the Colorado Senior Lobby. We would appreciate you sharing this event with your constituents.*

Coloradans age 65 and older who own a home need to attend a special August event to find out what changes may be considered for the senior homestead property tax program when the state legislature next convenes in January.

This event is being held in Denver 8 am–1 pm Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Police Protective Association Events Center (PPA), 2105 Decatur Street in Denver. It will be streamed for those unable to attend or register.

For more information on the forum and to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/senior-property-tax-8-14-18>. Admission is free. Space is limited so RSVP now to reserve your seat.

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At stake is more than \$150 million in state funds dedicated to senior property tax breaks in the state. Policy makers are looking to divert these funds from seniors to other programs.

More than 240,000 Colorado seniors (and growing) currently qualify for tax breaks provided by those funds.

The magnitude of the future of this tax break could have major implications for Colorado homeowners who use the tax break to continue to live in their own homes.

In this law's 18 years of existence, there have been more than 30 pieces of legislation proposed to modify the law — including the 2006 addition of Colorado's fully disabled veterans. In six of the 18 years, the legislature has chosen to zero out the exemption, eliminating any property tax credit in these years for seniors.

In recent years, there has been an interest in reducing and/or trimming these dollars dedicated to seniors to support various other, non-senior related, programs.

Attendees will hear from a legislative staff expert on the Senior Property Tax Exemption, legislators with oversight of the state budget and a panel of individuals and organizations representing various perspec-

tives about the senior property tax exemption and its future.

Attendees are being asked to provide input on keeping the benefit as it was originally designed, changing and reallocating a part of the benefit, or offering input on policy and/or laws that would improve their ability to stay in their home as they age. Questions will also be asked about if changes were proposed, what would have the most positive and beneficial impact on seniors who currently receive this tax credit.

Sponsored by Colorado Senior Lobby, legislatively created Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging, and Colorado Gerontological Society, the forum will lay out the issues at stake, gather feedback and input, and provide attendees with strategies on how to voice their opinions on the tax breaks.

— Colorado Senior Lobby  
303-832-4535

([www.coloradoseniorlobby.org/news\\_from\\_csl/exemption-at-risk-for-colorado-seniors/](http://www.coloradoseniorlobby.org/news_from_csl/exemption-at-risk-for-colorado-seniors/))

## Senior Citizen Tax Offset Program

*{Editor's Note: With school starting again in August, I am frequently asked by HG residents who volunteer in the schools, to let all residents know about this program. These tax offsets are available to volunteers in the Cherry Creek School District. After looking, I could not find a comparable program for Aurora Public Schools. If you volunteer in one of their schools and live in their district, ask. Heather Gardens is split down the middle between the two school districts. Check the map on the back of your community directory to see in which district your home is located.}*

### Cherry Creek Public Schools:

The purpose of the Senior Citizen Tax Offset Program is to increase community involvement with the Cherry Creek School District as well as enable senior citizens to partially offset the portion of their property taxes paid to Cherry Creek School District by volunteering in the schools. Seniors may earn up to \$561 based on 55 maximum allowed

paid volunteer hours once every 12 months, and one payment per property. These hours may be worked any time between the beginning and end of the school year.

Participants must be at least 60 years of age and be a homeowner who resides in their property within the Cherry Creek School District. Those interested in participating in the program must complete an application and submit a copy of their most recent Arapahoe County property tax notice.

It is our hope that students' lives and their learning are enriched by the association with the participants in the Senior Citizen Tax Offset Program.

For more information, call 720-554-4475.

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*Above: This ad, promoting Rendezvous Restaurant, appeared in the Aurora Sentinel in July.*

# HG Clubhouse Events

*Please bring your receipt to the event.*

**Clubhouse Hours: 6 am to 10 pm, Monday–Saturday  
6 am to 8 pm Sunday • Phone 303-751-1811**

**Clubhouse Manager Linda Aluise**

**Assistant Clubhouse Manager Lewis Boeve**

## **Colorado Day and Historical Fashion Show**

Wednesday Aug. 1, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$3

Celebrate Colorado Day as we host a special Historical Fashion Show. Enjoy seeing gowns from days gone by, including the Civil War, Victorian, Edwardian and maybe some from 1920 to 1950s. We will be entertained by the famous Cliff Spratt, before and after the fashion show.

## **Comcast/Xfinity Orientation**

Thursday. Aug. 2, 4–6 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Thursday. Aug. 9, 11 am–1 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

## **Comcast Account Reviews by appointment**

Thursday, Aug. 2, 4–7 pm, by appointment

Thursday, Aug. 9, 1–3 pm, by appointment

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2–5 pm, by appointment

Lodgepole Lounge

Join Comcast/Xfinity communities to learn about the new, exciting entertainment amenities available in HG. Gather more information on the services and products offered. The Xfinity store staff will have answers for your questions. Stay tuned for more dates!

## **Movie Matinee and Night: *I Can Only Imagine***

Friday, Aug. 3, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father,

## **Fruit Shak**

Wednesdays and Sundays, 10 am–6 pm, South entrance Clubhouse parking lot

Get your locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Palisade peaches will be available.

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## **Family Swim Time:**

Monday–Friday 10 am–12:30 pm;

Saturday and Sunday 10 am–2 pm

An opportunity for children 16 years and younger to swim. A Pool Attendant is on deck during these scheduled hours to greet, register swimmers and enforce pool rules.

No Lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. Each unit is allowed up to 4 guests.

No Indoor Pool hours for children when the Outdoor Pool is open.

Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe. Rated PG

## **1st Saturday Night Dance**

Saturday, Aug. 4, 6:30–9:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Music by Mile High Big Band

Fee: HG resident, \$6

Non-resident and on the day of event, \$8

Enjoy an evening of dance, good music and good friends. There will be dance hosts, mixer dances and light refreshments. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at the restaurant bar prior to 7 pm. Bar opens at the dance at 7 pm. Note: Dance hosts receive complimentary admission, and the event can always use more volunteers for that pleasant task.

## **ABCs of Square Dance**

Mondays, Aug. 6–27, 6:30–8 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fun, fitness and exercise! Make new friends! Join us for a fun evening and learn the very basics of Modern American Square dancing. No dance experience necessary. Carl will guide you through the steps for an enjoyable experience.

## **Active Minds: The Marshall Plan**

Wednesday Aug. 8, 2 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

In the wake of World War 2, the United States invested over \$13 billion to help rebuild Western Europe. The Marshall Plan, as it came to be known, not only helped Europe and the world recover economically, but also served to strengthen post war alliances for the U.S., providing an important balance against Soviet power as the Cold War era began. Seventy years later, we review this historic initiative and discuss its relevance in the world today.

## **Great Rabbis, Great Insights**

Thursday, Aug. 9, 10 am, Blue Spruce Room

FREE

Rabbi Fleisher will discuss the weekly Parsha in the context of telling the story of a great Rabbi and his insights on the Parsha.

## **Flea Market**

Friday, Aug. 10, 8 am–4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Saturday, Aug. 11, 8 am–4 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

One man's junk is another man's treasure. Come seek out your treasure. Lots of items from which to choose.

## **AARP Drivers Safety**

Friday, Aug. 10, 1 pm, Arts & Crafts Room

Fee: \$15 AARP Member/\$20 non-member

A certified AARP instructor teaches this course. Class size is limited, so registration is required. Pay the instructor on the day of the class.

### Towel Drive

Tuesday Aug. 14, 1–3 pm, Clubhouse Lobby

Sponsored by the HG Clubhouse and HG Optimist Club, your donated towels and washcloths will benefit Aurora Warms the Night. We are collecting clean, gently used bath towels and washcloths for use in the new mobile shower unit that will be located in the Colfax area. The shower will service homeless men and women in Aurora. Please consider making a donation.

Aurora Warms the Night shelters those experiencing homelessness. Year-round services include meals, warm clothing, hygiene items, transportation to shelter, laundry vouchers, bus passes, partner agency referrals, and advocacy. The mobile shower will be a new service by this nonprofit agency.

### Watch Batteries

Thursday, Aug. 16, 9 am–1 pm, Lodgepole Lounge

Fee: \$6 per battery.

Bring in your watches, car remotes or hearing aids in for new batteries while you wait.

### Ice Cream Social

Thursday, Aug. 16, 10 am–noon, Picnic Pavilion

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Beat the heat and come in for an ice cream with all the fixings. Enjoy playing a game, be entertained, and receive a goodie bag. Sponsored by Manor Care and Berkley Home Health.

### Movie Matinee and Night: *Isle of Dogs*

Friday, Aug. 17, 1 pm and 6:30 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$4 pre-register, \$5 on day of event

In this stop-motion-animated film from writer/director Wes Anderson, an outbreak of canine flu in Japan leads to quarantining all dogs on an island. A boy (voice of Koyu Rankin) journeys there to rescue his dog Spots (Liev Schreiber), and gets help from a pack of misfit canines, also exiled. His quest inspires a group of dog lovers to expose a government conspiracy. The voice cast also includes Bryan Cranston, Edward Norton, Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, Tilda Swinton, Bob Balaban, Greta Gerwig, and Yoko Ono. Rated PG-13.

Among the snacks offered: hotdogs! Hotdogs served only with pre-registration. Get your tickets early!

### Talent Show!

Sunday, Aug. 19, 3 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

FREE: Registration requested, call 303-751-1811

Heather Gardens has talent! This is our third year. We have uncovered a lot of talent to share. Come see some new acts and be inspired.

### Swingtime

Friday Aug. 24, 7 pm, Sandberg Auditorium

Fee: \$5 pre-register, \$6 on day of the event.

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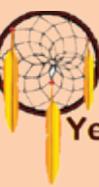
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# Average, everyday noir

by Mary Hafka

The alarm clock by my head read 7:11. That seemed lucky, so I rolled out of bed.

My sidekick, Mortie the Mutt, opened one eye. When she snores, Mortie can sound like a freight train running through Kansas City.

Mortie closed the same eye, and resumed her locomotive imitations, snuggling more deeply into the bed covers, as I prepared to greet the day. Hey, I watch the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Isn't there such a thing as a Working Dog? That class of animal doesn't reside with me, apparently.

After greeting the day, I prepared to hit the bricks. Handsome Henri, Shih Tzu extraordinaire and neighborhood heartthrob, was leaning insouciantly against a trash can near the alley. Duded up in his black and white spats, and diamond collar stud, with a beret cocked raffishly over one eye, Henri bares his snow-white teeth and smiles seductively.

Mortie the Mutt forgets she's supposed to be a tough-as-nails sidekick and turns to butter whenever Handsome Henri bats his fudgy-brown eyes in her direction.

"What's shaking, Henri?" I ask him confidentially. "Qu'est-ce que c'est?"

All that's shaking, apparently, is Mortie the Mutt, who shivers with pleasure and descends into a puddle of joy in Handsome Henri's presence. I drag her out of the orbit of Henri's charms, so that we can continue casing this neighborhood.

All the local characters are on the street this fine day. Sparkles, the silky-haired glamor puss — even though she's a dog — flashes her rhinestones as she sashays by. How the girl earns those rhinestones is nobody's business.

Hannah, the Horse, is a Bernadoodle: half Bernese Mountain Dog, Half Standard Poodle, all dead weight. A person could saddle her

up, and "yippee-ki-yo-ki-ya." Hannah isn't the muscle on these streets, but she could be. One false move, and you'll find yourself lying on the ground, covered with 100 pounds of furry bulk, and a ton of slobbery doggie kisses. Hannah just loves everyone — to death.

Neptoon, the sweet-faced bichon — also known as Whitey — looks as though kibble wouldn't melt in his mouth, but don't be fooled. Word on the lane is that Neptoon runs the oldest continuous crap game in CP6, in the back room of his doghouse. (Neptoon just put a new air conditioner in his home. Business must be good.)

HG Security cars roll by, but the locals pay them no attention. The streets of HG are their territory. The neighborhood fuzz is just passing through.

Sir Sidney Cedric Fraser, a Sheltie visiting from Ontario, joins us on our walk. Sir Sidney's dog walker ambles, respectfully, a few steps behind. Like most Canadians, Sir Sidney is very polite, but I suspect he harbors amorous feelings for Mortie — my high-spirited girl from the American West. Sir Sidney wouldn't hesitate to play the cad, if he got her alone.

As it is, Sir Sidney follows Mortie with dog-like devotion. He hopes to catch a few tender moments with Mortie, while his and her respective dog walkers are distracted, observing a bushy, red fox hot on the trail of a succulent-looking rabbit. Ah, nature!

Minnie Pearl, the mini-poodle, joins our happy crew as we make the turn at the CP5 west bulletin board. Minnie Pearl sports a diamond collar so full of ice, she can barely keep her head up. She never lets such pedestrian matters,

though, distract from her elegant, showgirl carriage.

As we stroll by, our local hep cat, Bootsie, demonstrates her devotion to jazz. The feline tries to play a marimba riff, banging on the lids of some trash cans by the curb. It doesn't work very well. In HG, all the trash can lids are plastic. Bootsie is dedicated to her art, but doesn't stress much over sound quality.

Other dogs walk the mean streets of HG, but they give our coterie a wide berth. Some dogs are the law in this neighborhood, and some are just civilians. Know what I mean?

(If you do, please explain it to me. I got lost in this demi-monde package of prose some time ago.)

And so our posse of mongrels and misfits completes its circuit of the alleys and paths we call The 'Hood.' The gang parts company at the corner of avenue and drive.

Sir Sidney says, "Woof," which is Canadian for, see you tomorrow, eh? Minnie Pearl prances away, to the east, where she lies in a penthouse condo, looking down on the riff-raff.

Some are sinners. Some are saints. Some are scoundrels. Some are hard-luck therapy dogs with hearts of gold. They all have their priorities straight — most just hope to hurry home and enjoy their breakfast, and live to bark another day.

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Update: Recently I launched a one-woman grass-roots campaign to get myself appointed mayor of the fair City of Aurora. My campaign was based entirely on the premise that I should receive the appointment, because "Mayor Mary" would be the catchiest title around.

The city council, in its infinite wisdom, not only came up with a candidate who had actual credentials for the job — they bested me at my own game: word-smithing. Even I must admit that Mayor LeGare is almost as beguiling as Mayor Mary. Almost.

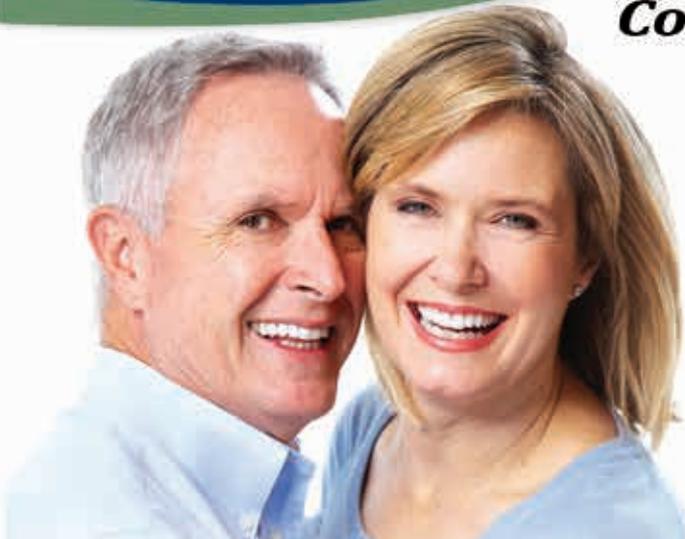




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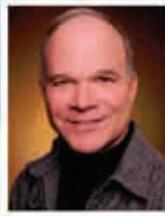
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**SOLD!**

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**SOLD!**

**Brought Buyer 13723 E Marina Dr #B 3BR/3BA 1372 sq.ft. Patio Home**  
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